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TAFT IS A SURE WINNER

SUCH IS PREDICTION OF F. H. HITCHCOCK.

WILL HAVE 552 VOTES ON FIRST BALLOT

Not Catering to "Lily Whites" of the South—Brownsville Soldiers to Get Clean Bill—Activities of the Nation's Capital.

Staff Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—The atmosphere in this vicinity is heavily surcharged with politics, and the warmth is becoming more and more pronounced as the time for holding the national convention approaches. The local politicians are worrying themselves over the election of the two delegates and two alternates, holding largely-attended meetings nightly—and heated arguments on the corners, in the cafes and barber shops during the day. Both of the two tickets in the field are said to be for Foraker, but there is a rumor afloat that when the final roll is called the ballots will be found recorded for some one else, no matter which "slate" pulls through. The candidates are evenly divided between the races, one white delegate and one colored, one white alternate and the other colored. Ticket No. 1 includes H. H. Flather and R. R. Horner for delegates, with William Tindall and Daniel Murray as alternates. All are excellent men and they claim to be sure of their election. Ticket No. 2 embraces Gen. A. S. Burt and John W. Patterson for delegates, with a mixed group for alternates, in which B. L. Gaskins and F. K. Raymond seem to be the prime factors. nominee of the Chicago convention will The national leaders are taking no serious stock in this local fight, but are "out for blood," hunting for delegates in the states where real battles are fought and won, and where votes for the nominee are to be had next fall. It is regarded as a safe bet that the District of Columbia, which is the pet ward of the national government, will be lined up in solid phalanx on the 16th of June for the man who seems most likely to carry off the prize. There is nothing sentimental about the gents who manipulate the politics of this "neck-o'-the-woods." When they have settled their little "scrap" among themselves, the "big leaders" may begin to look them over and see "where they are at."

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Mr. Frank H. Hitchcock, who is taking care of the interests of Secretary Taft in a most able fashion, has given out a statement of the status of his candidate which, if accurate, indicates that "all is over except the shouting." He figures out 552 votes for Mr. Taft on the first ballot, which are 61 more than the number required to bring about his nomination. There will be 980 delegates in the convention, with 491 necessary to a choice. Although much stress has been laid upon the help that Mr. Taft would have to ask at the hands of the South, Mr. Hitchcock's table calls for only 128 sure votes from that section, with 66 additional ones in doubt. Possible contests are being allowed for, but the Taft delegates will be regarded as "regular" and will go to Chicago with certificates. There is said to be no truth in the report that the Taft managers are "tying up" with the "lily-white" element in the South. Those in touch with the situation make the point that where the usually strong colored men have "lost out," it was because they antagonized the regular organization, and thus became "insurgents," amenable to the discipline so essential to a systematic and orderly campaign. The condition of affairs is being gone over with great care by Mr. Hitchcock, and those who know him say there isn't an ounce of race prejudice in his makeup to influence him against colored men who show themselves loyal to the machinery under his control. This is likewise true of the other organizations now contending for the mastery in the section below the Mason and Dixon line. It is told in confidence that the Foraker, Fairbanks, Cannon, Knox and Hughes people have their watchers on guard, and no man whose fealty is suspected will be allowed to "get by." The Taft managers are surprising some of the prophets by placing the brunt of their campaign elsewhere than in the South and disposing very largely of the allegation that federal patronage is being used in so-called "rotten boroughs" to advance the cause of the administration candidate. The following summary given out by Mr. Hitchcock shows the location of the delegates claimed for Mr. Taft at this time:

THE TAFT STRENGTH.

Northern states east of the Mississippi river, including New England, Ohio, etc.	150
Southern states east of the Mississippi	128
States and territories west of the Mississippi	270
Outlying territories, Alaska, Hawaii, Philippines, etc.	4
Total	552

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New York, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, conceded to the "favorite sons," cast a total of 256 votes, which Mr. Hitchcock estimates will stand by Messrs. Hughes, Fairbanks, Cannon, LaFollette and Knox not longer than through the first ballot. With the nomination of Mr. Taft practically assured, there will be no effort made to interfere with the complimentary program outlined for the pre-empted states, the feeling among Mr. Taft's friends being that in the event of any shortcomings on the first ballot enough "second choice" strength will be found to "bag the game" on the second. The colored supporters of Mr. Taft are handling themselves and the situation with coolness, poise and dignity, interposing no obstacles in the path of the men who prefer other candidates. They offer no counter-demonstrations at public meetings, and in the papers and correspondence controlled by them they exhibit a spirit of fairness toward even those who impugn the honesty of their motives, and suggest only that there should be a proper respect for differences of opinion and regard for conflict of interests between Negroes just as there is between factions of white men. The increased strength of the War Secretary among the thinking classes of the colored people grows more and more apparent with the developments of the past ten days. The suffrage plank in the Ohio platform, for which Messrs. Taft, Roosevelt and their colored allies in the Buckeye state are primarily responsible, has allayed 90 per cent of the erstwhile bitterness engendered by the Brownsville episode, and the generous attitude of the President with reference to the re-enlistment of the soldiers has restored confidence in his disposition to do the right thing by all concerned. Secretary Taft's broad-gauged speech at Brooklyn in praise of Hampton Institute and of the character and capacity of the Negro race was also a forceful factor in promoting the "era of good feeling" that has come to pass. Highly significant of the growing sentiment for the Secretary's nomination is the number of influential Negro journals that are saying complimentary things about him and giving him full credit for the square-toed and patriotic stand he has taken on the great questions of the day—questions that involve not only the welfare of the Negro, but which vitally concern every citizen beneath the flag we all love to honor. Prominent among the race papers that are disposed to treat the War Secretary with the greatest consideration are the New York Age, the Indianapolis Freeman, the Charleston (W. Va.) Advocate, the Cleveland Journal, the Hopkinsville (Ky.) Morning News, the Florida Sentinel (Pensacola), the Western Enterprise (Colorado Springs, Colo.), the Chicago Conservator, the Newport News (Va.) Star, the Cincinnati Argus, the Rising Son (Kansas City, Mo.), and others of the highest standing in the world of politics and literature. The men behind them have character, influence and are potent in business and religion. Many others, including in the first rank Fortune's Freeman, edited by the Nestor of Negro journalism, T. Thomas Fortune, have announced that Mr. Taft should have a "square deal," and that they would cheerfully support him if nominated. The word "bolt" has lost caste with practical-minded colored men everywhere, and there isn't the slightest doubt that as far as the Negro voters can control the matter the be the next President of the United States.

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Senator Warner has introduced the "administration bill," providing for the re-enlistment of the discharged soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry. All who can satisfy the President that they had no part in the affray at Brownsville will be eligible for a return to the army, with pay to commence at the time of their discharge, just as though the re-enlistment had been made at that time. The bill gives the men one year from the time of the approval of the act in which to establish their innocence. Under this bill every right is restored, no salary is lost and the only requirement exacted is within easy reach of any man who is willing to give the President some reasonable assurance that he was not connected with the shooting-up of the now historic town of Brownsville. Since the guilt of no individual has been established, the logical outcome of the measure will be the reinstatement of practically every soldier who chooses to return to the fold. At last, it seems that a solution of this vexatious problem has been reached, and the country can now turn its attention to other issues of pith and moment.

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The Interstate Commerce Commission is after the railroads of the South which are refusing to comply with the regulation providing that the accommodations for both races shall be equal. A recent investigation secretly set on foot by the commission developed that colored passengers are shamefully discriminated against by the transportation companies, being denied equal service in Pullman sleepers, diners and packed off into coaches scarcely fit for a dog to travel in, and that the colored waiting rooms are a disgrace to civilization. It is understood that the railroads, despite the carefully collected data presented by the commission, are denying each and every allegation, yet pleading in confession and avoidance that the expense of furnishing equal accommodations is too great for them to meet, in view of the small volume of paying business supplied by the colored people in that section. It is given out, rather confidentially just now, that the commission is impatient over the disrespectful attitude of the railroads and that a hint has come from the White House to push things. This is to be done in the shortest possible time, and from what we can gather some intensely interesting results will grow out of the situation before the sun is much higher in the heavens. If the administration and the Interstate Commerce Commission can make race prejudice too expensive for the "crackers" to indulge in, we can get along all right with the better classes of Southern white people. If the railroads and their bourbon accomplices must have separation based on color, let them go down in their greasy pocketbooks and pay the price demanded by the law.

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Lawyer W. H. H. Hart has been out in Oklahoma helping the valiant colored men and women of the new state to throttle the jim-crow car. At the risk of his life he traveled up and down the country gathering evidence and made a masterly plea before the highest court at the capital, placing the matter in such a satisfactory state that, in his judgment, it will be little short of a miracle if the Supreme Court of the United States fails to side with him. Mr. Hart, who is the legal adviser of the National Afro-American Council, says the Negroes of Oklahoma are not content to compromise on separate cars, even if equal in all respects. It is their purpose, he says, to "kill jim crow, to exterminate him root and branch," and that no half-way measure will be acceptable. They will be satisfied with nothing short of the Constitution of the United States "from kiver to kiver."

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Dr. Booker T. Washington is still urging the masses of the race to bestir themselves to raise the balance remaining due on the mortgage hanging over the magnificent estate of the late Frederick Douglass, at Cedar Hill, Anacostia, N. C. It is proposed by the Douglass Memorial Association to convert the place into a national retreat and memorial hall—to be to the Negro people what Mount Washington is to the whites, and the project is worthy of the race in whose name it is undertaken—worthy of the great man whose labors for his fellow-men have earned for him the immortality of heroes. Dr. Washington is assisting the association to raise the money yet needed—something over $3,000—and as an encouragement he has circulated a document showing the donors and the amounts they have given up to date. It is a roll of honor and the name of every Negro should have a place upon it. A small sum from each individual would wipe out the indebtedness in a day'time. Who is there among us that cannot or will not make a slight sacrifice to pay off the comparatively insignificant mortgage on so valuable a piece of property? Your correspondent suggests that a given Sunday be set apart within the next month and that a collection be taken in every church in the country, and that the amount, however, small, be sent at once to Dr. Washington at Tuskegee. Let 20,000 Negroes contribute to the fund and see how little each will have to give to make up the total. Let us "get busy" at once and bring this long-delayed duty to a respectable ending.

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Gen. J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio, has introduced a bill in Congress for the relief of ex-Lieut. Henry Ossian Flipper, who graduated some years ago with honors from the West Point Military Academy, but who was "cashiered" out of the army on some trivial charge under circumstances strongly suggestive of race prejudice. Lieut. Flipper has been laboring for nearly a generation to secure vindication, and it is earnestly hoped he will succeed this time. He is a skilled civil engineer and has been engaged in business with great success for a number of years in the far Southwest, making his headquarters at Nogales, Ariz. He is a gentleman of fine qualities, and the army will be the gainer by having him as a member of it. Simple justice demands his reinstatement.

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In recognition of his phenomenal work in adding 9,911 members to the Washington division of the United Order of True Reformers, Chief W. R. Griffin was given a grand reception last Thursday evening by the Chief's Aid Club of the district. Music was furnished by the Lyric Orchestra of Howard University, and a genuine "love feast" was indulged in. Announcement was made that Mrs. M. E. Fennell, who has been secretary of the division for a number of years, had been promoted to the important post of private secretary to Grand Master W. L. Taylor and will be stationed at Richmond. She was given a farewell testimonial Saturday evening. Mrs. Sarah F. Lewis, of Anacostia, D.

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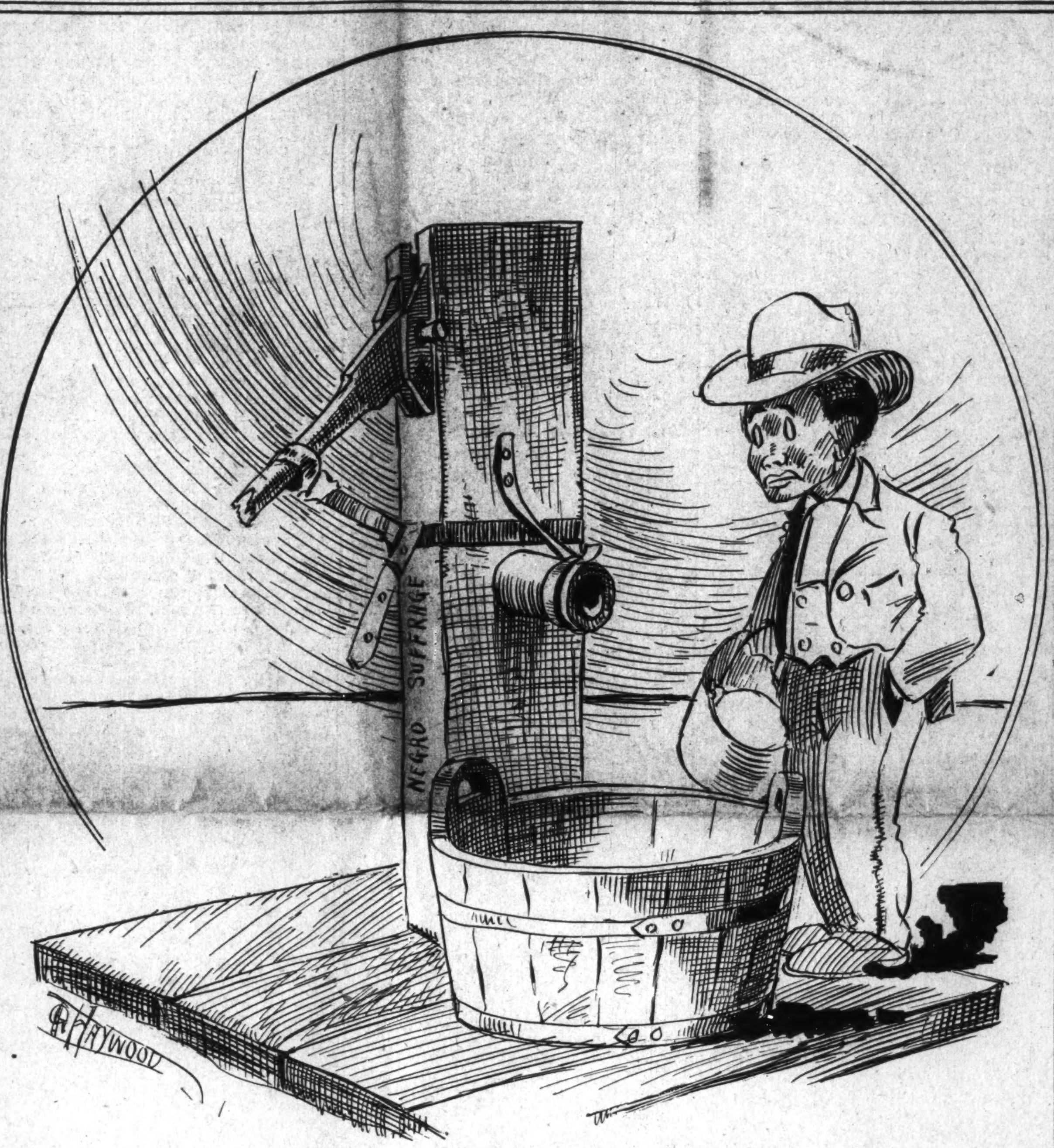

When the Well Goes Dry.

EIGHTH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE

THANKSGIVING SERVICE OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

NEGROES TO DEMAND RECOGNITION.

Political in the Interest of the Various Candidates are Being Formed—High School Class to Give Banquet—Notes.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Special.—Last Sunday reminded one in this city that the Biennial Conclave had been recalled to the Chestnut Street C. M. E. Church. It was the occasion of the twenty-eighth annual Thanksgiving services of the eight Pythian lodges, three Courts of Calanthe and three Uniform Rank companies of the city of Louisville were held. The church was beautifully decorated with colors and emblems of the order, and the altar of the church was surrounded with palms, plants and flowers. The church was crowded from pit to dome and the exercises were carried out admirably. The augmented choir gave special music. The Pythian order set the pace for other orders by marching quietly and orderly to the church without a band of music and a crowd following. The Thanksgiving sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. H. Brown, D. D., pastor of the church. His subject was "Despise Not the Day of Small Things." He spoke eloquently and interestingly of many biblical characters who, in the beginning of their career, were small in capacity and power, but later developed into great characters. He spoke of the acorn and its wonderful growth and said "Pythianism among Negroes was founded twenty-eight years ago and has a membership of 150,000, and has made the most wonderful strides of any order in the world. Their recent National Conclave in this city was the greatest gathering of Negroes ever assembled in America and the press of this city heralded it to the four corners of the earth. In the State of Kentucky, under the magnificent Grand Chancellor Snowden, the order has a membership of 3,600 and a surplus of $26,600 in the endowment fund." He urged the Knights to save their money, open business and live the friendship of Damon and Pythias. He paid a beautiful tribute to the members of the Court of Calanthe. Dr. C. H. Parrish and J. L. V. Washington and Mrs. Jennie Davis were among the other speakers.

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A persistent effort has been made lately by some of the well-known citizens to get some recognition at the hands of the Republican party, which was recently elected by the strong support of Negroes. As a result of the efforts of the Rev. L. G. Jordan and the Rev. E. G. Harris and others, the City Council is considering the revision of an ordinance allowing one or two colored physicians to look after the poor of the race. Mr. P. R. Peters, a leading colored doctor, has been appointed as sanitary physician and this has been the only creditable recognition given the Negro, aside from the appointment of Mr. Dudley Edwards as street inspector. Others have been as usual given places as janitors and street cleaners, but this has not satisfied the leading representative Negroes who gave their service to the party in power. The colored brother is saying, "If you lead us up to the sugar barrel, give us some sugar."

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The brief in behalf of Berea College by the Hon. John G. Carlisle, which appeared in the papers last week, was widely read here. The case is Berea College vs. the Commonwealth of Kentucky from the Kentucky Court of Appeals. The brief is lengthy and contains all the points which cover the case, and from its reading the Negroes of the State feel sure that the able Carlisle and Mallen will bring joy to the hearts of the Negroes of the State by securing a verdict in their favor.

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Mr. George Woolridge, the popular undertaker and embalmer on Twelfth street, has purchased one of the handsomest funeral cars in the city. It is a palace on rubber wheels and can be beautifully fastened with emblems of different societies. Con-

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BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

OPPORTUNITY.

They do me wrong who say I come no more
When once I knock and fail to find you in;
For every day I stand outside your door,
And bid you wake, and rise to fight and win.

Weep not for precious chances passed away,
Weep not for golden ages on the wane;
Each night I burn the records of the day,
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;
My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,
But never bind a moment yet to come!

Though deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep;
I lend my arm to all who say "I can";
No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep
But yet might rise and be again a man!

Dost thou behold thy lost youth all aghast?
Dost reel from righteous retribution's blow?
Then turn from blotted archives of the past,
And find the future's pages white as snow.

Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell;
Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven;
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,
Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

—Walter Malone in "Poems of East and West."

THE FLORENCE HARPER FUND.

Perhaps you have been so busy that you have forgotten to send your mite to the "Florence Harper Artificial Limb Fund," and won't you send it today? Quite a number have contributed and sent such encouraging words, and I am sure that you intend to do so, too. I know that the scarcity of money has been felt by every one this season, but you, with some of your friends, can spare a small amount from your own needs to help an unfortunate child. Mr. Stirk has already commenced the work and we wish so much to be able to give the little one her new limb at Eastertime. The little girl is very appreciative of what is being done in her behalf and seems to realize what her new friends expect of her. Her lessons are studied with more energy, and the taunts of her schoolmates have little effect. We are sure you will help us to raise the remaining amount.

LEAP YEAR CLUB MAKES RULES FOR YOUNG MEN.

The Leap Year Club, composed of a number of girls in the younger society set here, has taken advanced ground on the question of chivalry and has declared in favor of a return to the manners of men in the days when "Knighthood Was in Flower." To see what can be done toward bringing about a reform in the manners of the young men of their acquaintance, they have established a set of rules which they require them to live up to, the penalty being social ostracism.

The first rule is that every young man on meeting a girl acquaintance in the street or a public place shall lift his hat, removing it entirely from his head. The perfunctory salute, as if the young men were privates in the army recognizing an officer, will not go with members of the Leap Year Club hereafter. But they go still further. When a young man meets one of the young women of the club and stops to talk with her, he must remove his hat entirely from his head and hold it in his hand while the conversation continues.

Sick Youths to Be Excused.

The only exception to be made to this rule is in case the young man is ill, when he may be allowed to replace his hat on his head after he has once doffed it.

There are other rules, such as requiring young men friends to give up seats in street cars to any women who may be standing, and removing their hats in public elevators, but the young women say these customs are commonly observed now.

"The indications are that the average young man is losing the old-time respect for a woman merely because she is a woman," said one of the members of the Leap Year Club. "The custom in the small towns of doing away with chaperons, the coeducational institutions and the camaraderie that exists between American boys and girls and young men and women have had a tendency to break down the natural barriers that should be kept up. When the average young man meets in the street a girl that he knows pretty well, for instance, he raises his hand to his hat, but that is about all. If he stops to talk to her, the chances are that he does not even do that, but merely says, 'Hello, Margy,' and lets it go at that.

Not Expected to Wear Armor.

"What the girls of this club desire to do is to get back in some small measure to the customs of chivalry. Of course, we don't expect a modern young man in pressed trousers, patent leather shoes and high collar to buckle on a suit of armor and fight somebody for us, but we do believe, and we think that every woman thinks the same way, that he should treat us with a little more deference than he does his young men friends. But even so the boys are not altogether to blame. In being anxious to be regarded as 'good fellows,' some of the young women have rather encouraged these liberties, and so the young men have fallen into ungallant ways."

"Do you think your plan will work?" was asked.

"It will have to work with the boys we know or we'll have to hunt other young men friends," was the firm reply of the pretty miss of twenty years who was the speaker. "But you must excuse me, for I'm going to have company tonight."

"Probably a modern knight errant," it was remarked.

"Well, if he isn't, he'll learn to be," she laughed.

These rules to our notion would be very good for all girls to adopt. The tendency to familiarity is too prevalent everywhere, and the women and girls are to blame for allowing it.

MUCH WITH LITTLE.

We are so glad that beautiful things do not always have to be expensive things. There are many really good reproductions of fine pictures that can be had at little expense. Wondrously artistic wallpaper can now be bought at moderate prices. House furnishings with an "air" may be had comparatively cheap. Inexpensive clothing can be made daintily and prettily. Oh, yes, our homes may be beautiful places, even though our means are limited.

ARTIFICIAL LIMB FOR FLORENCE HARPER.

Subscriptions to Be Taken by The Freeman.

Florence Harper, the eight-year-old girl, and the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harper in East Sixteenth street, Indianapolis, had the misfortune to lose her left limb above the knee five years ago when a baby girl of three years she was caught between a large stone and a wagon, crushing the limb so badly that it was necessary to amputate it. The years have gone on and the little girl uses a crutch, which is now having a bad effect on her shoulder, and physicians say that she will also have curvature of the spine if she is not relieved of the wearing of the crutch. Many times have the family attempted to accumulate sufficient money to purchase the artificial member, but as many times has the little amount been taken for daily needs. The father is industrious and manages to support the family, and the mother lends her assistance whenever she can.

FLORENCE HARPER.

The little girl in her present condition is hindered from attending school regularly, thereby retarding her education, the possession of which will be her only means of self-support when she grows older. She is very anxious to attend school and is fond of music. The condition of this child is a constant worry to her parents. Florence is a bright child and realizes that she is hindered by the loss of her limb.

The firm of D. P. Stirk & Co. of this city have offered to make of the best material, an artificial limb, guaranteed to be perfect in every respect, lengthening the same as Florence grows older, for $75.00. On the receipt of $25.00 the leg will be commenced.

The Freeman asks that its readers and all persons interested will subscribe even if only a small amount. Each person contributing will be given a receipt for same and name and amount published in The Freeman each week. The amount will be deposited by The Freeman and will be known as "The Florence Harper Artificial Limb Fund." When the first amount is raised ($25.00) it will be paid to D. P. Stirk & Co. to begin work at once. Persons living in the city who can not find it convenient to send or call at the office, can call the office, New phone 2880, leaving name and address, and we will send our representative, Daneva Donnell, to see you.

We ask that you contribute to this worthy cause, helping an unfortunate child to be able to help herself, and to be of service in some way to humanity if only by being able to support herself when she grows to womanhood, and not a poor crippled invalid and a constant charity charge.

CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The fifth annual conference of the Rhode Island Union of Women's Clubs was held at Providence, R. I., recently at the People's A. M. E. Zion Church. The speakers were: Mrs. B. K. Bruce, address of welcome; Mrs. M. H. Dickerson, Rev. A. A. Crooke, W. A. Heathman, Mrs. T. Jeter, J. S. Yates.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: Mrs. E. B. Fayerweather of Newport, R. I., president; Miss Mary E. Jackson, Providence, first vice president; Mrs. H. R. Nelson, Newport, second vice president; Mrs. Walter Williams, Pawtucket, third vice president; Miss Blanche Benzard, general secretary; Miss Jacintha Perry, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Levi Jackson of Newport, R. I., treasurer.

BRIDGE WORSE THAN DRINK, SAYS ZUEBLIN.

"It is better to get drunk every night than to play bridge night and day, for in getting drunk at night there is a little time to catch up work in the morning." That is what Prof. Charles Zueblin, professor of sociology at the University of Chicago, told the League for Political Education at the league rooms, 23 West Forty-fourth street. Professor Zueblin was talking about "Work and Leisure." The remarks about bridge were a sequel to a story he told.

"In a dining car on which I came up from Boston," said the professor, "there were two women—one young, the other from thirty to forty years clder. Their whole conversation at luncheon consisted of lamentations because they were losing an opportunity to play bridge. They considered the five hours of the trip wasted and could hardly wait to reach New York to make up a party for play."

More Idle Women.

"Women do the most important work in the world," he continued. "But not every women can be a mother; they have housekeeping duties, which are only of secondary importance, but how the women do multiply who don't do anything. Bridge requires some intellectual effort, though not so much as some other games, but when a woman plays day and night from week's end to week's end it is as demoralizing as sitting at a table all night. In fact, I think it better to get drunk every night, for there is time then to do something during the day."

The newest thing imaginable is the square parasol. The same has appeared in Paris; fashionable women are buying them and manufacturers are kept busy making them.

The niece of J. Pierpont Morgan, at London, who is a great "political hostess" for the Liberal party, is taking a great interest in the breeding of dogs. Mr. Morgan has disposed of his kennels because his wife thought them too noisy, but he buys an animal of fine points for his niece now and then.

Up to the age of twelve Turkish girls are as free and untrammeled as European children, but with her twelfth birthday the girl becomes a woman. She adopts the "tcharchaff" and joins that silent sisterhood who are condemned to see the world darkly through a veil, without having lost any of their natural desire to participate in its gayeties.

Marriage at an early age is frequent in Mexico. Recently a boy of sixteen and a boy of fourteen were married in the capital.

Laplanders are the shortest people in Europe, the men averaging 4 feet 11 inches, the women 3 feet 9 inches.

Four women are members of the new committee on the charter of Palo Alto, Cal. They were chosen to represent the Woman's Club, the Suffrage Club, the Library Board and the teachers. The representatives of all the other local organizations are men.

A woman is responsible for a patent crimping pin that can be used as a paper cutter, a skirt supporter, a paper file, a bouquet holder, a safety pin, a shawl fastener and a book mark. There is a patent churn that rocks the baby's cradle; a pocketbook that combines a pistol, so that when the highwayman demands your money or your life, you can send him to kingdom come while in the seeming act of handing him your valuables. This idea may have been plabiarized from the cannon-plow which was brought forward in the early days for the use of pioneers on prairie farms in the time of Indian uprisings. When the industrious tiller of the soil was interrupted by bad Indians determined to take his scalp, he merely had to turn his plow about, pull the lanyard and greet the astonished enemy with a load of grape or shrapnel.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

The Aurelian Fountain, No. 1756, celebrated its sixth anniversary birthday last Monday night at the True Reformers Hall, Ninth and Walnut streets. It was a most enjoyable function. A large number of friends of the order were present and were highly entertained. The double rooms of the hall were tastily decorated in green and white. The round table for the guests was beautifully and artistically decorated with flowers and fruits. The rooms were brilliantly lighted. The supper was served in courses. Mrs. John C. Owens was the chief entertainer. She was assisted by Mesdames Marie Dickerson, Annie McGruder, Nannie Owens and Mr. John C. McCoy. The officers are Mr. and Mrs. John C. Owens, Miss Francis Owens, Miss Carrie Walker. After the supper Lawyer I. E. Black delivered an eloquent address on the progress of the order.

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Miss Emma Tanner of Indianapolis is in the city and expects to make Louisville her permanent home.

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Messrs. E. Lively, Elridge Ganaway and Ed Alexander have been regularly appointed as mail carriers for Uncle Sam.

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The Kenmore Club, one of the leading clubs of Louisville, will celebrate with a grand carnival and mask ball at the Frontenac Hall Monday night, March 23, 1908. Prof. Dan Davis will manage the dancing and will also introduce the New York Glide, the latest dance.

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"Senior Day" will be observed at the State University on March 25, and members of the senior classes of the college and normal departments will deliver addresses. A generous invitation has been extended the citizens of the city to attend the exercises.

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Dr. Stratton Dupree, formerly of Shelbyville, Ky., but nwo of Evansville, Ind., was in the city last week stopping with Mr. Tom Cole. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, and Mrs. Dupree left her daughter here to attend the Y. W. C. A. musical conservatory.

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Mrs. Lavenia Sneed, one of the best known educators in the country, a brilliant platform speaker and a teacher in the New Albany High School, will soon be one of the leading photographers in the city. She has been an understudy of Mr. J. R. Neighbors, the photographer, for some time and is quite proficient.

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The Rev. L. G. Jordan, secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board ha sreturned from the city of Pittsburg, where he has been attending the Young People's Forward Missionary movement. Rev. Jordan expects to attend the national meeting in Philadelphia in April called by Bishop Walters to oppose the nomination of Secretary Taft.

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The many friends of Tobe Brown are pleased to know that he is "making good" at the Pekin in Chicago. Mr. Brown has been director of Tobe Brown's Band for a number of years and is well known all over the State as the leading musician, having been instrumental in pulling off some of the finest musical concerts heard in this neck of the woods. He was musical director of "Pirates of Pinza," "Mikado," and a number of other high-class operas that have been heard here the last two seasons. As a skilled artist with the cornet, he has but few equals and his many friends regret his absence in a city where he is so much needed; however, they wish him much success where greater opportunity is given his ability and talent.

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The interest in the colored branch library continues to grow, judging from the last month's report, in point of attendance and number of cards issued. Two hundred more readers' cards were issued last month over the previous month, and the attendance shows an increase of over thirty-five. The resulting increase in circulation and attendance emphasized the need of another assistant, and Miss Elizabeth Finney, who has been substituting and is a graduate of the Central High School, is now on probation and is expected to fill the place of secnd assistant librarian when the new library at Tenth and Cestnut streets is opened. The attendance at the children's reading room continues so large that the reading room continues so large that the reading room is taxed for capacity. The new branch has been completed and there is much anxiety among the citizens as to the time of opening; but from what can be learned it will not be opened until about May 1.

"The Negro in America," an address by Andrew Carnegie before the Philosophical Institution of Edinburg October 16, 1907, is being circulated widely here by the Committee of Twelve. All the leading people of the city have been supplied with a copy and many of the reading clubs are reading it, as well as the March number of the American Magazine, containing "The Negro in the North" by Ray Stanard Baker.

The general educational board of New York gave $5,000 to the trustees of the institution on condition that they raise a like sum. The women of the educational board of Kentucky have raised the necessary sum and the building committee will soon meet to receive plans for construction.

Very startling news comes to the Baptists of this city that the friends of the Rev. John H. Frank here and at other places are urging Dr. Frank to become a candidate for the presidency of the National Baptist Convention, which is to meet in Septem-

The representative of The Freeman, who is a member of the reportorial staff of the Courier-Journal, his this to say of Mr. George Kemp Vernon in the last Sunday's issue of the above paper: "In the employment of J. Pierpont Morgan, the wealthy financier, is Mr. George Kemp Vernon, colored, of this city, in the capacity of chef. Mr. Vernon is a graduate of the Central High School here. He began cooking in this city and went East and is now considered one of the greatest cooks of the day. He has been at the cooking range for twenty years and has studied under the best chefs in Italy, France, Spain and Germany. The chef is known for his skill by wealthy tourists who journey by special train or coach. Vernon is now in California with the special car of the Morgans." The people of this city hail with delight the rank of Mr. Kemp. He is one among the many from Louisville's sons who has made a reputation for the school from which they have graduated.

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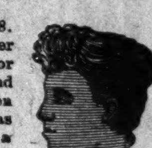

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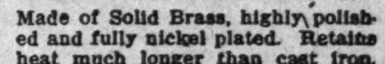

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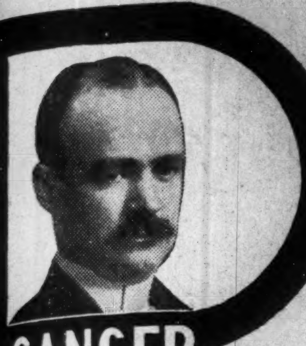

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And all through dinner an indefinitely unpleasant remembrance of the conversation lingered with Sylvia, and she sat silent for minutes at a time, returning to actualities with a long, curious side glance across at Siward and an uncomprehending smile of assent for whatever Quarrier or Major Belwether had been saying to her.

Cards she managed to avoid after dinner and stood by Quarrier's chair for half an hour, absently watching the relentless method and steady adherence to rule which characterized his bridge playing. Then she turned on her heel, restless, depressed, inclined for companionship: The Page boys had tempted Rena and Eileen to the billiard room; Voucher, Alderdene and Major Belwether were huddled over a table immersed in preference; Kathryn Tassel and Grace Ferrall sat together looking over the announcements of Sylvia's engagement in a batch of New York papers just arrived; Ferrall was writing at a desk, and Siward and Marion were occupied in the former's sketch for an ideal shooting vehicle to be built on the buckboard principle, with a clever arrangement for dogs, guns, ammunition and provisions. Siward's profile as it bent in the lamplight over the paper was very engaging.

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Sylvia had taken a hesitating step toward them, but halted, turning irresolutely, and suddenly over her crept a sensation of isolation—something of that feeling which had roused her at midnight from her bed and driven her to Grace Ferrall for a refuge from she knew not what.

The rustle of her silken dinner gown was scarcely perceptible as she turned. Siward, moving his head slightly, glanced up, then brought his sketch to a brilliant finish.

"Don't you think something of this sort is practicable?" he asked pleasantly, including Mrs. Ferrall and Kathryn Tassel in a general appeal which brought them into the circle of two. Grace Ferrall leaned forward, looking over Marion's shoulder, and Siward rose and stepped back, with a quick glance into the hall—in time to catch a glimmer of pale blue and lace on the stairs.

"I suppose my cigarettes are in my room as usual," he said aloud to himself, wheeling so that he could not have time to see Marion's offer of her little gold incrusted case or notice her quickly raised eyes, bright with suspicion and vexation.

He greeted her in his usual careless, happy fashion just as she reached her chamber door, and she turned at the sound of his voice, confused, unsmiling, a little pale.

"Is it headache or are you, too, in quest of cigarettes?" he asked as he stopped in passing her where she stood, one slender hand on the knob of her door.

"I don't smoke, you know," she said, looking up at him, with a cold little laugh. "It isn't headache either. I was—boring myself, Mr. Siward."

"Is there any virtue in me as a remedy?"

"Oh, I have no doubt you have lots of virtues. Perhaps you might do as a temporary remedy—first aid to the injured." She laughed again uncertainly. "But you are on a quest for cigarettes."

"And you?"

"A rendezvous—with the sand man. Good night."

"Good night, if you must say it."

"It's polite to say something, isn't it?"

"It would be polite to say, 'With pleasure, Mr. Siward!' "

"But you haven't invited me to do anything—not even to accept a cigarette. Besides, you didn't expect to meet me up here?"

The trailing accent made it near enough a question for him to say, "Yes, I did."

"How could you?"

"I saw you leave the room."

"You were sketching for Marion Page. Do you wish me to believe that you noticed me and"—

"And followed you? Yes, I did follow you."

She looked at him, then past him toward a corner of the wide hall where a maid in cap and apron sat pretending to be sewing. "Careful!" she motioned with smiling lips. "Servants gossip. Good night again."

"Couldn't we have a moment"—

"No."

"One minute"—

"Hush! I must open my door"—lingering. "I might come out again if you have anything particularly important to communicate to me."

"I have. There's a big bay window at the end of the other corridor. Will you come?"

But she opened the door, with a light laugh, saying "Good night!" again, and closed it noiselessly behind her.

He walked on, turning into his corridor, but kept straight ahead, passing his own door, on to the window at the end of the hall, then north along a wide passageway which terminated in a bay window overlooking the roof of the indoor swimming tank.

It appeared that he had cigarettes enough, for he lighted one presently and, leaving his chair, curled up in the cushioned and pillowed window seat, gathering his knees together under his arm.

The cigarette he had lighted went out. He had bitten into it and twisted it so roughly that it presently crumbled, and he threw the rags of it into a metal bowl, locking his jaws in silence, for the night threatened to be a bad one for him. A heavy fragrance from his neighbor's wineglass at dinner had stirred up what had for a time lain dormant, and by accident something—some sweetmeat he had tasted—was saturated in brandy.

Now his restlessness at the prospect of a blank night had quickened to uneasiness, with a hint of fever tinting his skin, but as yet the dull ache in his body was scarcely more than a premonition.

He had his own devices for tiding him over such periods—reading, tobacco and the long, blind, dogged tramps he took in town, but here tonight in the rain one stood every chance of walking off the cliffs, and he was sick of reading himself sightless over the sort of books sent wholesale to Shotover, and he was already too ill at ease physically to make smoking endurable.

After awhile he began to walk monotonously to and fro the length of the corridor, like a man timing his steps to the heavy ache of body or mind. Once he went as far as his own door, entered and, stepping to the wash basin, let the icy water run over hands and wrists. This sometimes helped to stimulate and soothe him. It did now for awhile—long enough to change the current of his thoughts to the girl he had hoped might have the imprudence to return for a tryst, innocent enough in itself, yet unconventional and unreasonable enough to prove attractive to them both.

Probably she wouldn't come. She had kept her fluffy skirts clear of him since cup day, which simply corroborated his vague estimate of her. Had she done the contrary his estimate would have been the same, for unconsciously, but naturally, he had prejudged her. A girl who could capture Quarrier at full noontide and in the face of all Manhattan was a girl equipped for anything she dared, though she was probably too clever to dare too much; a girl to be interested in, to amuse and be amused by; a girl to be reckoned with. His restlessness and his fever subdued by the icy water, he stood drying his hands, thinking coolly how close he had come to being seriously in love with this young girl, whose attitude was always a curious temptation, whose smile was a charming provocation, whose youth and beauty were to him a perpetual challenge. He admitted to himself calmly that he had never seen a woman he cared as much for; that for the brief moment of his declaration he had known an utterly new emotion, which inevitably must have become the love he had so quietly declared it to be. He had never before felt as he felt then, cared as he cared then. Anything had been possible for him at that time—any degree of love, any devotion, any generous renunciation. Clear sighted, master of himself, he saw love before him and knew it when he saw it—recognized it, was ready for it, offered it, emboldened by her soft hands so eloquent in his.

And in his arms he held it for an instant, he thought, spite of the sudden inertia, spite of the according of cold lips and hands still colder, relaxed, inert—held it until he doubted.

Then she had become intelligent again, with a little laughter, a little malice, a becoming tint of hesitation and confusion. All the sense, all the arts, all the friendly sweetness of a woman thorough in training, schooled in self possession, clear enough to be audacious and perverse without danger to herself, to the man or to the main chance.

He leisurely and mentally took the measure of his own state of mind and found all well, all intact, found himself still master of his affections and probably clear minded enough to remain so under the circumstances.

By instinct and experience normally temperate, only what was abnormal and inherited might work a mischief in this man. His listlessness, his easy acquiescence, were but consequent upon the self knowledge of self control, but mastery of the master vice required something different. He was sick of sickness, and because in this sickness will, mind and body are tainted, too, reason and logic lack charity, and to the signals of danger his reply had always been either overconfident or weak, and it had been always the same reply: "Not yet. There is time." And now, this last week, it had come upon him that the time was now. The skirmish was already on, and it had alarmed him suddenly to find that the skirmish was already a battle, and a rough one.

As he stood there he heard voices on the stairs. People had already begun to retire, because late cards and point shooting at dawn do not agree. And a point shooting picnic in snugly elaborate blinds was popular with women, or was supposed to be.

Little by little the tumult died away. He turned and looked grimly at his bed; then, shutting off the lights, he opened his door and went out into the deserted corridor, where the elevator shaft was dark and only the dim night lights burned at angles in the passageways.

He had his rain coat and cap with him, not being certain of what he might be driven to, but for the present he found the bay window overlooking the swimming tank sufficient to begin the vigil.

Secure from intrusion, as there were no bedrooms on that corridor, he tossed coat and cap into the window seat, walked to and fro for awhile listening to the rain, then sat down, his well shaped head between his hands, and in silence he faced the enemy.

(Continued next week.)

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Guy to Prof. Chas. E. Stewart, teacher of vocal and instrumental music at Wilberforce University, took place at the bride's home Thursday, March 12. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Guy of Zanesville, O., and is a graduate of Wilberforce University. Prof. Stewart is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stewart of 421 Arnett street, Jacksonville, and was a former student of the high school in Jacksonville, and was prominent in athletic circles. Prof. Stewart's many friends wish him much happiness and success in their married life...Mrs. Alice Early, who has been quite ill, is slowly improving from her illness...Mrs. Henry Davis is quite ill at her home on South Mauvaisterre street...The choir of the Second Christian Church is doing some nice singing...C. H. Freeman and Albert Moore are doing a good business in the blacksmith shop...Mrs. Fanny Branum is now living on West Edgmont street...Mrs. Lizzie Damons died Tuesday afternoon, March 10, at 309 Marion street. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Figgins and was born in Paine, Pike county, Mo., March 17, 1863. She was married in 1895 to John Damons of Chicago, after which they came to Jacksonville, Ill., to live. She was a member of the Bethel A. M. E. Church and of Hicklin Tabernackle No. 10. She leaves a husband and four children—Mrs. Lottie Daniel, Mrs. Effie Williams, Stanley Daniels—all by a former marriage, and Miss Ruth Damons of this city. Four sisters also survive. Funeral services were held March 12 at the A. M. E. Church and was largely attended and was in charge of Rev. James Higgins. Prayer by Rev. Merriwether. Music was furnished by the choir. The flowers were in charge of Mrs. Leo Dugan, Mrs. James Higgin, Mrs. Lizzie Fountain and Mrs. Carrie Burton. Interment took place in Jacksonville cemetery. The pallbearers were C. H. Freeman, Albert Fountain, Julius Rice, Jonas Brown, Moscow Sutton and James Scott...Charles Glover is among those who have formed a company in the capital city known as the Central Illinois Saddle Horse Company, to give instruction in riding and handling saddle horses...The concert and supper given recently at the Mt. Emory Baptist Church by the Sunday school for the benefit of the primary department was largely attended and a good success. The entertainment was given by the Primary Superintendent, Mrs. Lafayette, and she was assisted by the teachers, Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Florence...Mrs. Clara Edwards and Mrs. Alice Early are slowly improving from their illness...Mrs. Thomas Allen and family have moved to the country...Jerome Rollins, the popular barber, is doing a good business.

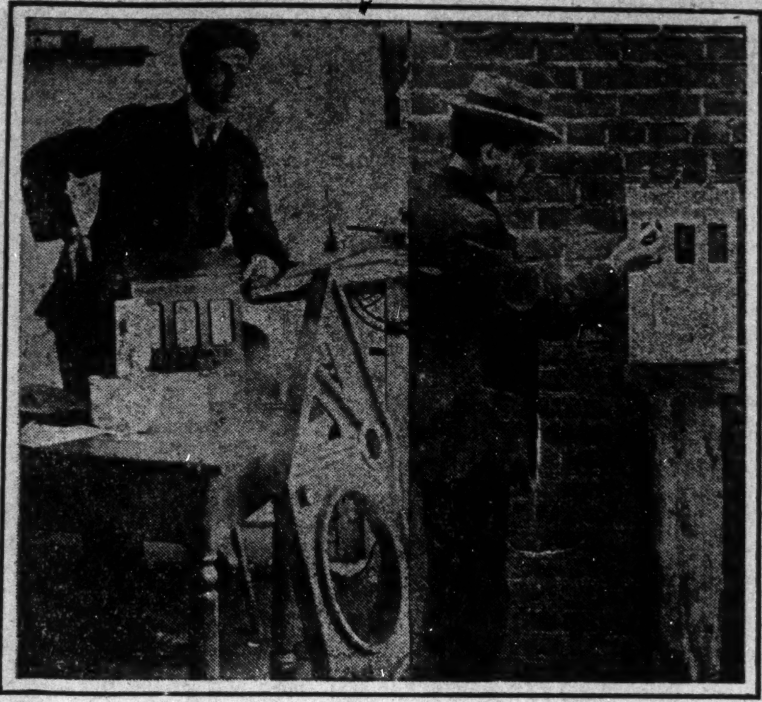
CORAOPOLIS, PA.

The revival meeting which has been going on for the past two weeks at the New Hope Baptist Church were well attended and much benefit derived therefrom...Jas. Johnson of Youngstown, O., visited friends in this city Sunday...The panic has hit a hard blow to every kind of business here...On Wednesday, March 4, Bishop Caldwell of the A. M. E. Conference preached a wonderful sermon at A. M. E. Church...Rev. Mrs. S. V. Stout, pastor of the Fifth Avenue A. M. E. Church, preached a wonderful sermon and had a large audience at both sermons...Subscribe for The Freeman and keep posted on the Negro doings. D. P. Dorsey, agent, 6 Vine street...At a called meeting March 9 the colored citizens formed a Republican club to be known as the Afro-American Political Club, with 25 members. T. Beattie, president; J. J. Stout, vice-president; Mack Myers, secretary.

COMIC ARTIST IMPROVING.

Red Bank, N. J.—Special.—Henry W. Ferguson, the well-known and successful comic artist, who has been very ill for the past three months, is slowly improving.

STAMP-VENDING MACHINE



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GOVERNMENT TO MAKE TESTS IN THIS CITY.

THE PARKHURST INVENTION

Beginning May 1 the United States Government is going to use experience in Indianapolis as a test of the desirability of slot machines for stamp selling. Uncle Sam wishes to see how the people of the country will take to buying their stamps by the slot process and he also desires to see if there is a stamp-vending machine yet made that will meet all of his exacting requirements. He has picked out of a field of twenty-seven machines that he has been inspecting during the last year one invented by an Indianapolis man, L. M. Parkhurst, who is now building here the machines to be used in Indianapolis, beginning about May 1.

Postmaster-General Meyer has already attracted much attention because of his ideas aimed to bring the Postoffice Department up to date, which it is not at this time. He found the Germans not only buying pie, beer and railroad tickets out of slot machines, but also dropping their pfennigs into machines that sold postage stamps. Even the Britons—due to the genius of a Tasmanian woman—have been buying stamps out of slot machines for some time, in a limited way.

Defect In Postoffice System.

He realized that one of the greatest defects of the postoffice system in this country was in its provision for stamp selling, and last year, by the appointment of a committee, he took steps toward improvement by introducing drop-your-money-in-the-slot methods. Everybody, by experience, knows what some of the present defects are. You have a letter and no stamp; you have to walk to the nearest postoffice or substation or stamp-selling agency, or call on your druggist for help, which, strange as it may seem, may be far easier if you are not in the downtown district of the city, where druggists can not afford to hire a special clerk to attend to this nonremunerative trade. There you must go to the postoffice and walk up some twenty or more steps and through a half-square length of corridor, and then—

You strike the second defect—if you go in the busy part of the day or on a holiday. You find a line of people bent on the same mission lined up in front of the window and you have to stand in line and expend $1 worth of time and nervous temperament to get a 2-cent license from the Government.

General Delivery Window Closed.

Or, if it is at night, in the ordinary smaller city or town, and the stamp window and the general delivery window is closed, the supply of stamps is cut off and one must find a friend that has a spare stamp, or go to some distant stamp-selling agency or accommodating druggist to get the stamp to carry the letter on the midnight train, which, if not caught, means the loss of a whole day in delivery. And this is not only the case in small towns and small cities. It was the case in Indianapolis up to only four months ago, when an all-night general delivery and stamp-selling clerk was given to the Indianapolis office. Many an Indianapolis man, going to the postoffice at 9 o'clock—before that clerk was put on—found that he could not get his letter into Louisville, Chicago or Cincinnati that night unless he walked a half dozen squares out of his way to the downtown stamp-selling agency, or unless he was lucky enough to find an accommodating friend.

Meyer's idea is that if, by the side of the post box on the corner, there is placed another small box that will deal out 1, 2 and 5-cent stamps by the drop-the-coin-in-the-slot process, practically every one of these objections, delays and defects will be met. Stamps will always be at hand night and day.

Not for American Use.

When the Postmaster-General began looking around a year ago to find a machine to do this, he found that absolutely none existed to meet the demands of the people of the United States, whose greatest demand for stamps involves the use of two coins—two 1-cent pieces. The Americans also wish a machine that will sell three kinds of stamps. The British and German machines, while they worked perfectly, had many defects for American use. When it became known, however, that so good a customer as Uncle Sam's Postoffice Department was in the market for something, the result was magical, and when the Postoffice Department invited people who might have machines or ideas for machines, to present themselves at Washington, twenty-seven stamp-vending machines were brought in—among them the German machine and the British one. Two of the others were inventions of Canadians, and the other twenty-three, American inventions.

By the process of elimination through several trials, all except six of these machines were set aside as failing to be practical, and then Meyer and his committee began a rigid test of these six machines, presenting themselves before the machines as purchasers of stamps and also as experts that, knowing the weakest points of the machines, tried to "throw them down." The German machine's electric batteries went bad in a few minutes under this test, the British machine failed and in thirteen minutes all except one machine had been disqualified or passed. The one still remaining was the invention of L. M. Parkhurst, of Indianapolis.

Experiments Successful.

The experiments on it are said to have been continued one hour and twenty-seven minutes without a failure. It also pleased the postoffice people because it had only nine parts compared with the German machine's 1,700; that it worked only by steel springs; that it sold three kinds of stamps, and because by only one pressure of a lever it would sell a stamp for two coins—two copper cents, and also because it rejected coins that had been shaved down, even one-two-thousandth part of an inch, and absolutely refused to accept bogus "slugs." Though no official report has thus far been made public, it is understood the Government places a high estimate on the Indianapolis machine.

A practical test will be made in Indianapolis to see how the machines work in the hands of the people and how the people will like them. The Parkhurst machine is multum in parvo—it is less than a foot square and only a little over four inches thick. Each one of these machines will sell 1,000 one-cent, 1,000 two-cent and 1,000 five-cent stamps without refilling. Parkhurst and his associates are convinced that within a year or two the men at the stamp windows of the Government from Maine to Oregon will have plenty of time to sleep.

To Put Stamps in Rolls.

The German and British and all of the American machines have had one serious defect that has been difficult to overcome. They all require their stamps in rolls and the Government does not prepare them that way and will not depart from its plan of printing them in almost square leaves of 400. It is impractical by hand to prepare them in rolls. Mr. Parkhurst has invented a machine to take the sheets of stamps and to put them into rolls. It does it by pressure on the ends of each row of stamps and this is done so perfectly that, it is asserted, one can not see where the rows of stamps are joined.

FRENCH LICK, IND.

Mrs. Robert Holden is confined to her bed with la grippe...Miss Alice Thomas has returned to French Lick from a visit to Louisville and has resumed her former position...Chas. Clinton is "stepping some" nowadays. Did you see him Sunday? M. A. T...The Baptist Mission in West Baden has ended the revival which has added not a few members to the church role and ended yesterday by baptizing nine converts in Lost River, the stream that so many writers have spoken of in the last few years. It found itself this fall and some have stated that God overflowed its banks this spring so the Baptists would have some place around here to baptize their converts. If so, it seems that these good people surely must be on God's side...Lee Babbage, your agent here, is doing a tremendous business in the paper line. His stand is in the Brown Hotel, one of the finest of its kind in the United States, and if you should ask for anything in his line that he hasn't in stock his answer always is, "I'll get it for you."...I desire to say to the public at large, especially to the young colored men who have speculative inclinations, that these two towns are badly in need of a hotel for colored people, and if you will address Box 91 any information you desire will be given.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Our people are still steering in the right direction and our eyes of faith are watching in every direction for the race's benefit. The way of the transgressor is hard, lost confidence is never regained and a hint to the wise is sufficient. So, delegates, don't forget your duty at the convention. ...Miss Flossie Peachers and John Dixon were united in marriage on the 9th and on the 12th Miss Teenia Anderson and Leonard Fletcher were married...The Church Union meeting was held at St. Paul's A. M. E. Zion Church and is said to have excelled all others yet...Mt. Olivet Baptist Church installed their new pastor, Rev. A. E. Seymour last Sunday and gave a banquet in his honor at Buck's Hall Monday night...Richard Johnson returned to St. Louis on the 13th after a pleasant stay with parents and friends...Albert Merriwether left for Chicago on the 14th for a prospective tour...John Bailey of Nashville spent Sunday and Monday with us on business. ...J. P. Steele, the song writer, has accepted a contract for sevral of his late compositions, which will be published by one of the most popular firms of our city...Miss Bennetta Buren of this city has returned from Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., very ill.

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SATURDAY, MAR. 28, 1908.

Will you contribute to the "Florence Harper Artificial Limb Fund?"

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China is also interested in seeing our floating exhibition.

Maybe that reported Washington meeting of bishops was a myth.

The third term ghost stands right up in any old place,a nd in spite of us we all sit up and take notice.

The President is not in for a Puritan Sabbath. It is not necessary to think he prefers a "rough house."

It will be Miller, Watson, Taylor or Miller again, for Governor. We'll know more about it in a few more days.

President Nord Alexis, of Hayti, concluded it would be wisdom to submit the "refugees" question for arbitration.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, is in the race for nomination on the Demacratic ticket for President. Variety will make the Denver convention more interesting.

The Democrats to the city this week. What with real and manufactured zeal, they attracted attention. The party feels to have bright prospects and are industriously working their chances.

By the Roosevelt route, or Foraker route, back to the army, provided they are through routes—without any stopoffs or stop-overs. The discharged Negro soldiers are respectfully solicited to take their choice.

Perhaps, after all, there were no bishops at the recent Washington meeting. We yet have faith in that class, but will they kindly tell what part they took at that meeting or if they were there at all?

The University of West Tennessee, in a splendid card on which is a goodlooking program calling attention to the graduating exercises of that institution, which will be held in Memphis the 7th of April. Mr. Lynk, M. S., M. D., LL. B., president.

The Brownsville business still holds the boards. The President and Senator Foraker are both asking the restoration of the discharged Negro soldiers by congressional act. Don't know about this overmuch protestation of love.

The itinerary of our battleship fleet will include Hawaii, Samoa, Melbourne and Sydney, Australia, and the Philippines. With a possibility of visiting China and Japan and greater countries yet en route, the world will have something to talk about.

Mr. Booker T. Washington again makes an appeal for funds for saving the Frederick Douglass homestead. He thinks that the masses have not been sufficiently informed. He urges the colored people generally to do something in the matter. Money forwarded to him or the committee at Washington will be gratefully received.

We insist again that the colored people will gladly assist in discharging the indebtedness on the Douglass homestead. The committee having the fund in charge could do no better thing than select an agent in every community where there are colored people, whose duty would be to take charge of the local field. A penny subscription will do the work, and besides there would be some sentiment in the matter. The whole people should at least be given a chance.

Congressman Charles E. Littlefield of Maine, has resigned his seat in Congress, giving for his reason a decline in his law practice. According to his statement to the Governor he found the business of national legislator a losing venture. The Congressman must be a pretty big liver; most men, if they had the notion, could cut it within the limits of a Congressman's pay. Mr. Littlefield, however, will not be blamed for taking as much as he finds coming his way. A man's not expected to make himself poor even to be a Congressman.

Mayor Bookwalter evidently feels that if there must be a skating rink, that they should have a chance to make a living." Now it is certaily known, that if only young men not less than twenty-one years, and women not less than eighteen may skate, "there ain't a'goin' to be no skatin' rink." And perhaps that's what the city fathers are up to. Why don't they say so and not have this "indirect taxation." Boys and girls skate, as a rule, and not so many men and women. The mayor well says that a skating rink and a dance hall are different. Either may become vile places, but the chances for vileness are not the same with the skating rink. When well conducted, they are respectful as a church festival or any other similar social fathering. Since we ahve them, give the rinks a chance.

We, in accord with the Republican portion of Indiana, are for our distingnished Vice-President, Charles W. Fairbanks, for President. We must admit, however, that Secretary W. H. Taft is in the lead for that office, and that unless conditions greatly change, will maintain it until the convention sets. The opinion prevails pretty generally that the Secretary will not be so strong after the first ballot, and that if he is not selected on that ballot, it will prove Mr. Fairbanks' opportunity. This, however, is simply pre-convention conjecture, where conclusions are based on former happenings. A convention is as fractious as an untrained horse, and may break out at any place. The one thing positive is, that Mr. Taft up to date has more votes pledged him than any candidate in the field.

The difficulty in Hayti seems to have been amicably adjusted. On what terms is not known to us, but it will be presumed that the Alexis government gave into the joint demand of Berlin and Paris. This demand meant protection to war refugees at the legations. President Nord Alexis was quite unwilling at first for this status to obtain, since it impeded his efforts at apprehending suspects, and consequently preventing him from crushing out the spirit of rebellion according to his notion. It was thought that this program called for a general massacre of white foreigners, and who are principally French and German. The situation for a while was serious enough; an attack by the vessels of those countries was contemplated, but happily a way was found out of the difficulty without additional bloodshed, or too greatly strained relations between the countries.

MR. JOHN MITCHELL, MINER.

Serving an honest cause honorably pays. John Mitchell, the retiring president of the United Mine Workers, is a brilliant example, an individual that put heart in an honest work. Now after a number of years, having seen the fruits of his labor, having compelled the attention and respect of the world, he steps down and out the idol of tens of thousands, admired wherever man earns his bread by the sweat of his brow, respected by capital and the heads of governments, reaching a place in the eyes of the total world that is envied by even the wealthy who have learned that even money has its limitations; he, more than likely, will be favored by President Roosevelt with a commission for special service at Panama. This is a fitting recognition of a man who has kept splendidly intact, men by the hundreds of thousands, and who built up treasures of fabulous amounts, and spent them in making good his work. To him and his familiars, money had no value except it sufficed to purchase munitions for the defense of what they conceived to be right. Respect has attached to the cause of the American laborer through John Mitchell.

THAT WASHINGTON MEETING.

It is now being said and with pretty good authority, that Bishop Grant of the A. M. E. Church, denies the report of the recent bishop's meeting in Washington, D. C., wherein it was alleged that without dissent the bishops' stood for the resolutions condemning President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Navy Taft. It's very strange news, and may have no foundation in fact, but the information comes straight enough, leaving but little room for doubt. The impression is general that the bishops look the part credited to them; their "prolonged" silence has helped confirm the report. In fact, there has not been the slightest suspicion on the part of any one but what the bishops did of their free will what was said of them at that time in every considerable newspaper in the country. Besides, it is thought that they saw glory in the work; it was commented on as a glorious piece of business by the Negro press. Indeed, the manner of "resoluting" alone was subject to criticism.

The Freeman did not think well of the phraseology of the resolutions, nor did it approve all of the thought; it, however, saw no reason why men could not respectfully petition the President, or Congress, or any powers that be, praying for relief from whatever may be considered oppression. The Freeman is likewise surprised to learn of this rumor of denial; can not see how the thing can consistently be, since there has been ample opportunity for expression on the part of the bishops. That they did not correct the impression, if false, can not be charged up to "insignificance." Perhaps in the race history more vital action has never been taken. It is clearly up to the bishops to testify as to where they are at. Bishop Grant is an honorable man; he is quoted as denying the report. The time is short, the other brethren want to be speaking up.

THE BROWNSVILLE CASE UP-TO-DATE.

It's the President now who asks the Senate to pass a law which will enable him to reinstate some of the Negro soldiers of the companies discharged as the result of the Brownsville affray. This position on the part of the President is considered a further recession, and some will have it —for political effect. The Springfield Republican thinks that Mr. Roosevelt is eager enough to make good with the Negroes by making the return of the scoldiers to the army possible. It says:

"Mr. Roosevelt's own retreat has been masterly since he issued his original order discharging without honor a whole battalion for an alleged 'conspiracy of silence' concerning a shooting affray which was chargeable, at the very worst, against not more than an unknown dozen of the battalion's members. Mr. Roosevelt then ordered that the discharged soldiers should be 'forever debarred' from re-enlisting in the Army or Navy and 'from employment in any civil capacity under the Government.'"

The Republican, at least, states the proper premises, "A shooting affray which was chargeable at the very worst against not more than an unknown dozen of the battalions members." What immediately followed the clamor and howl over the President's action is now known. Even before Senator Foraker became so prominently identified with the case Mr. Roosevelt recalled that part of his decission, which prohibited "employment in any civil capacity under the government," whether the President was influenced to make the change owing to outward pressure or from his sense of justice is not positively known. One will naturally suspect that if he had no fear of a political consequence, that the result was due in part to pressure and in part to his sense of justice, giving away as much as possible without invalidating the import of the order which was a discharge without the possibility of reinlisting in the army or the navy. After knowing more of Roosevelt and his way of striking at what he conceives to be wrong, it will be readily seen the reason for all the panalty he could heap on. It was the Roosevelt way, a fact, albeit late in the learning that has helped him vastly in the more recent days.

With the Foraker bill asking reinstatement, and now the President's recommendation asking practically the same thing, it does appear a race for political favor. As it conerns the Negroes generally and the discharged soldiers, it will not matter very much how the thing comes about. All that has been asked by conservative Negroes is that the soldiers that were not guilty be restored to the army, and simply as a matter of justice to innocent men. But before this stage, it should be stated that the President consented to arbitration as the result of the activity of Senator Foraker and other friends of the discharged men. This action was held a further retreat on the part of the President and the charge was meant as no compliment by his opponents. But contrary to general expectations the Senate Committee for investigation and decision saw fit to sustain the President. Had it been another question he would have had cause for satisfaction. It appears that owing to developments, and because politics is figuring in more or less, his views have modified until finally we have what promises the happy termination of the whole business by the action of the chief executive, asking power of the Senate to restore the men to their former status in the army. Says the Springfield Republican:

"This is retreat No. 3, since it doth appear that Mr. Roosevelt is himself eager to restore the discharged Negro soldiers to their former status in the Army, from which they had originally been 'forever debarred. At this rate, the entire battalion may be reviewed on the White House lawn before the end of June and invited to luncheon by the President before November."

The latter facetious remark is indicative of what that publication considers the President's "recessional," holding that the next and the inevitable is an invitation to tea. But had he been obstinately stubborn, holding out to the last, and to the letter of his first order, he would have been characterized in some other manner quite as unfitting. The prospective ending will mean more to even Mr. Roosevelt than the result following a continued display of teeth. Justice of Mr. Roosevelt will not hurt Mr. Roosevelt. If anything, ought to speak the higher quality—"swift to mercy."

The New York Tribune is not nearly so charitable to the Negro troopers. In commenting on the situation, it says:

"The President has every reason to feel well satisfied with the results of the Senate's Brownsville investigation. The majority of the committee sustains his position, finding that the Negro soldiers were responsible for the raiding of the town—a conclusion which no unprejudiced man who followed the evidence can question."

Without threshing out the question again, it will be well to know the views of those of influence.

The Tribune unhesitatingly says that the evidence produced sustained the contention, that the soldiers were responsible for the "shoot-up." "Responsible," here is not a definite term; would not stand in law, but it will be taken for granted that it means that the soldiers actually did the shooting. Here is food for reflection; during the controversy it was held by most of the Negro editors and other men of prominence that the investigation was showing up the diametrically opposite. Was it a mere difference of opinion?

Finally it is not so sure but what the question as noted by these two measures before congress, or to be before it, is not being as stubbornly fought out as before. Perhaps the President feels that he has conceded very much, and refuses to go further, refuses to be threatened by the Foraker move at reinstatement, preferring to do the thing according to his own liking. There may be some animosity engendered through the "persistency" of the case, if so, it is easily seen that the President's recommendation could easily be the means of thwarting the men since he asks that their fate rest with him. If he insists that men must prove themselves innocent, they are yet up against it, reducing the whole business to just the same status that were shortly after the beginning—men establishing themselves innocent may be restored to the army—a most difficult thing to do. We are inclined to think that Mr. Roosevelt thinks he should be the arbiter in the matter and that when securely placed in that position, will do everything possible for a peaceful and happy solution. The Foraker bill permits of no risk whatever. In the event of its passage the men will be afforded an easy terms of relief and other consideration greatly to their advantage.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

B. M. Davis has purchased the Railroad Exchange restaurant and rooming house opposite O. S. L. depot...S. W. Shivers of Los Angeles passed through the city en route to Hot Springs, Ark., for a short stay. ...Thos. Enoch was struck by an engine at the O. S. & L. depot and painfully injured while assisting passengers of his car...Mrs. E. M. Johnson, Mrs. J. Wesley Jones and Miss Gaydy Carter are colvalescent...The W. C. Vernon Society of Trinity A. M. E. Church has challenged the Dunbar Literary Society of Calvary Baptist Church to debate in the near future, which has been accepted by the latter and the public patiently waits...Bruce Jones, who has been in Spokane for some time, has returned to the city...Mrs. Susan Foshea was called by the Grim Reaper from labor to reward...Rev. J. H. Allen has succeeded in organizing a representative choir, the personnel of which is as follows: W. D. Carter, president; Mrs. Chas. McSwnie, instructor; Miss Gaydy Carter, pianist, assisted by Messrs. Irvine, Carter, Dallas, Smith, Jackson, Carey, Powell and Misses Irvine, Head, Peryman and J. W. Jones...The Grand K. T. Easter leap year entertainment scheduled for April 21 at Federation of Labor hall, will be the social event of the spring...The Ladies Aid Society of Calvary promises an enticing feast on St. Patrick's eve.

OLEAN, N. Y.

Rev. W. F. Coffey is attending revival meetings at Kane, Pa...Mrs. Francis Williams and daughter, Mrs. V. Crusius of Indianapolis, Ind., are the guests of the former's nephew, T. H. Barnes...Mrs. Jennie Hornbeck and daughter Irene spent Sunday at Bradford the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright...A surprise party was given last Thursday week in honor of Chas. Gayton. Music and dancing were enjoyed. Refreshments were served...Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Haithcock gave a four-course dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Palmer and Mrs. M. Burghart. Covers were laid for twelve...George Burghardt of Canadea, N. Y., spent last week here with his wife...Mrs. William Wright has returned from Jamestown.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

The Midland Hotel waiters are going to give their farewell ball April 6 at Vinyard Hall, as the above hotel will close June 1, 1908...The Deans are to open their new hotel in Joplin, Mo., April 1 and the crew is to leave soon from here. Mr. Hobbs is head waiter. Mr. Johnson, who has been at the Midland Hotel for years, has been sick, but is better now and will soon be able to be out again... Elsie Whitmore has moved to No. 719 Charlotte street...Ther is much sickness and some deaths of late in Kansas City...The wedding bells will ring out this summer more than ever. ...The Freeman is on sale by our agent, A. T. Stewart, at 719 Charlotte street, every week.

EIGHTH BIENNIAL CONCLAVE

(Continued from first page.)

nected with his office is a handsome chapel for persons who wish funerals conducted there. Mr. Woolridge is a member of the State Colored Medical Association and is fully able to attend a funeral in the most up-to-date style. All the colored undertakers in the city are making great progress and they are hewing down the large number that formerly used white undertakers.

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The readers of The Freeman in this section are much pleased over the recent appointment of Miss Elizabeth Finney as assistant librarian at the colored branch library. Miss Finney's application was mentioned through the columns of this paper several weeks ago and her service while on probation was of such unusual merit and qualification that the main librarian appointed her, which virtually means an indorsement by the board. There were a number of new books received last week. Among them were eighteen books on reference, six on fiction, thirty-nine on non-fiction and thirty-five for children. A number of books on law, medicine, theology and journalism have been added and many others are on the way.

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There is quite a dullness in the Louisville society circles. All the whist parties have ceased to meet, dancing has suspended and but few formal receptions, due largely because of the Lenten season. Social functions are at a standstill, but preparations are being quietly made to have big times after April 19. A great many functions are being planned, among them the Young Men's Progressive League minstrel, Musergia Club musicale, Treble Clef Mikado Opera and the Young Men's Past Lenten Dance. There are many other social functions scheduled of a minor nature and there are good times promised by the "smart set" of the city. A number of the classes who have graduated from the Central High School have plans for reunions after Lent.

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In order to prepare young men for the civil service examinations that are about to be held here this spring and summer, a civil service school has been opened by Messrs. Bristoe Neal and W. H. Goodall, at 414 Center street. Both young men are graduates of high schools and have made a study of the questions given and are well able to give valuable instruction. A number of young men have enrolled up to this time and the office is open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.

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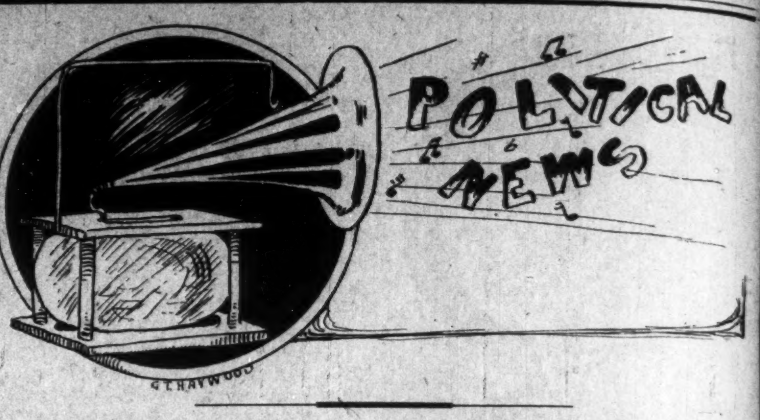
Politics were never so rampart as they are these days. There are Fairbanks, Taft and even Hughes clubs in this city. Foraker is by no means left out in the organizations.



The date of the primary is on its way; nobody seems to know just when it will come off.

John McGregor is much improved in health; he is able to be in his office and about the streets as usual. McGregor is popular and if he makes a showing in his favor during the rounds of investigation, he is more than likely to be commissioner when 'tis all over.

Harry E. Negley says he will make it without "purse or script." Mr. Negley is a lawyer of good practice, has been a city councilman. He has a host of friends; but more than likely he will not escape without looking after his "perliminaries." Mr. Negley is for the Senate.

The legislative ticket is looming up candidates for the lower house. J. H. C. Denham has recently announced himself and asks consideration at the hands of the voters. Mr. Denham is a lawyer, and a man of fine parts. He thinks that he is entitled to a large vote from the colored people, owing to his friendship for them.

Of the candidates mentioned for the various offices in most instances, there have been one or two and even more, whose names appeal at once to the voters. These are men who have stood successfully before the community for years, taking active part in all of those things which stand for the advancement of the city's interests. They are great with civic pride and the city in turn should delight to own them. This is especially so concerning those standing for the office of prosecutor, and concerning those that stand for the Senate. The office of township trustee is sought by several good men. The voters perhaps would not make a great mistake in standing for any one of them. Dr. D. A. Brown has had experience in school affairs, having been a member of the Brightwood School Board. Peter G. Travers is a business man, having the capacity for affairs. Inspector of Weights and Measures Wulfson has won respect and consideration for the ability with which he has conducted his office. He has a colored man as deputy.

James H. Lott, who has been selected as one of the Alternate Delegates to Chicago, will not find the business new to him. Mr. Lott had the distinguished honor of being selected as

Alternate Delegate-at-large from the State of Illincis twenty years ago. It was in 1888, when he helped the Harrison cause. He was the first colored man to have been thus honored by that great State.

It is expected that if any of the above aspirants are nominated there will be some of the Negroes here who can say that they started with the lucky man in the bginning of the fight. Attorney W. L. Ricks and ye scribe have taken kindly toward an organization for Charles E. Hughes and are in touch with the Hughes movement in the State and New York. The Kentucky Standard is blazing away weekly for Fairbanks, the Rev. L. G. Jordan is sticking to Foraker, while a few office holders are in the Taft wagon.

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The schedule of prizes offered by the Jefferson Monument Fund Board has been sent the Central High School. A prize of $25 is offered for the best assay, in length not to exceed 2,000 words, submitted by members of the junior and senior classes. The subject is "The First American Navy and Its Achievements Up to 1812." A prize of $25 is offered for the best essay, not to exceed 2,000 words, submitted by members of the sophomore and freshman classes. The subject is "The Cause of the French Alliance During the War of Independence; by Whom Secured and Followed by What Results." The essays must be written in the schools where the contestants attend on Friday, May 10, under the supervision of the principal of the school. Decisions will be announced June 15 and prizes will be awarded July 4.

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The Falls City Medical Association composed of half of the colored physicians of the city, held a meeting last Thursday night in the office of Drs. Scott, Prather and Whedbee and completed arrangements to entertain the State Medical Association, which convenes in Louisville May 13 and 14. The local association will tender the visiting doctors a banquet at Odd Fellows Hall and invitations have been sent to Mayor James F. Grinstead and Dr. J. A. Mathews to speak at the meeting. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs has been selected to deliver one of the principal addresses of welcome. The meeting was presided over by Dr. E. D. Whedbee, the president, and Dr. Sol Stone and Dr. W. T. Peyton were admitted to membership in the association.

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The class of 1903 of the Central High School met last week at the home of Miss Hattie Yeiser on East Breckenridge and decided to give a class reunion and banquet. Misses Alice Harper, Georgia Carter and Hattie Yeizer are taking the lead in making arrangements for the celebration. At the next meeting of the club a resolution will be offered asking the principal of the high school to revive the custom of having an alumnus to speak at the commencement in June.

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The grocery of Johnson & Hansberry, 907 Eleventh street, was broken into early Sunday morning by thieves. They run a large grocery and the entrance into the store was made by breaking a panel in the window and removing several hams, sacks of flour and a side of bacon. Mr. Hansberry said that it was the third time that he had been robbed.

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The tiday wave of revival services was reached last Sunday night at the Zion Baptist Church, when it was announced that one hundred had been converted during the four weeks meeting. The revival has been in charge of the Rev. W. H. Casey of the State University. The number of conversions exceeds other churches who have been carrying on similar meetings. The Rev. W. H. Craighead, pastor of the church, announced that the baptizing would be administered next Wednesday.

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Miss Nannie H. Burroughs is getting out a unique little pamphlet giving instructions for travelers on trains. Miss Burroughs has had in mind doing this for some time, but owing to her busy engagements and office work it has been withheld until the present time. They will be printed by the thousands and scattered broadcast where they will most likely do the most good.

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The Rev. J. C. Anderson, pastor of the Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, is making a fine record here as well as taking hold of his new appointment with vigor and success. The services are of a high class and he has succeeded in eliminating the idea of marching up to the tables with collections. He is well liked by members of the church and friends of the congregation, and his sermons are interesting, intelligent and full of Christian spirit. Another feature is the robed choir under the direction of Miss Lucretia Gibson. There is some talk of building, but it has not been made public by the minister.

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There are forty-two census enumerators to be appointed tonight by the Louisville School Board. Not one, we learn, among all the names was that of a Negro. John S. Hepson, Lawyer Wright and the Rev. Leroy Ferguson have interested themselves enough to see their trustee and have asked for an appointment of a Negro. The outcome will be known later. If no consideration will be given the colored brother, they propose to go after him with kid gloves the next election.

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Mr. Edward Willis is able to be out again after a long illness. His many friends are glad that he is out and able to work.

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Miss Mary Collins is expected to go to the country soon.

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The friends of Sam Bera Collins of the "Syndicate" are wondering what has become of his trunk.

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Mr. Henry Newman, foreman of the Southern freight depot, is off on a vacation.

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Mr. Milliken of Newton street has been ill, but is out again.

CARY B. LEWIS.

TAFT IS A SURE WINNER

(Continued from first page.)

C., succeeds Mrs. Fennell as secretary. She has served most acceptably as correspondent for the Reformer, and is fully informed on every detail of the order.

The suite of rooms engaged by Auditor Ralph W. Tyler for the convention period at Chicago are located in the Keystone Hotel, and are the finest in that elegant hostelry. The Keystone is conducted in up-to-date style by Mr. J. L. Fry and his charming wife, who was formerly Miss Myrtle Hart, the noted harpist, assists very materially in making its guests comfortable. Mr. Tyler's apartments will be open to all colored friends during the sitting of the great body at Chicago next June.

R. W. THOMPSON.

THE STAGE

Have you contributed to the "Florence Harper Artificial Limb Fund?"

Wilson and Sandifes, the acrobats, will shortly be seen in a new act.

Richard Bradshaw, the trap drummer, joined the Dandy Dixie Minstrels last week.

Ernest Hogan, the unbleached American, is much improved, and hopes to be back to the "stage arena" in a short time.

Williams and Walker will celebrate the sixteenth anniversary of their partnership March 31, giving a special performance.

The Beechums, Charles and Blanch K., will take part in the Mastodon Minstrels Easter Monday and will leave the next day. They will join P. G. Lowery's Musical Enterprise.

An Eastern journal says: "Major W. Daniels, the bass singer with the Sterling Jubilee Singers, is excellent. He has a deep, rich bass voice under excellent control. Mr. Daniels more than pleases his audiences."

Odessa Warren, who was Carita Day's understudy last season with the Rufus Rastus company, has retired from the stage and is now in the millinery business and making beautiful creations for the feminine fancy.

Mrs. Electro Page Perry, the soprano soloist with the Dixon and Daniels' Sterling Jubilee Singers, is meeting with much success through the East. Mrs. Perry is a native of Kansas and her Western friends are much pleased to know of her decided success.

Virginia Harned, who is considered to be a dramatic critic, has been to see Williams and Walker in "Bandana Land" three times and said "I want to go again. Bert Williams is a genius. If he had not been handicapped by his complexion he would be the greatest American comedian."

Marshall's Old Plantation company is meeting with much success all over the South. Billy and Gracie Arnte are making big hits, Mrs. Arnte with her pony ballet and Billy in comedy roles. Webb Williams and Jimmy Wise and Prof. Eugene Mikell with the other assistants make a pleasing entertainment.

The Great Ferdon has been presenting Skinner Harris and Sydney Carter in the musical farce comedy "A Georgia Camp Meeting," "A Trip to Africa," and the "Sunny South," at the People's Theatre at Los Angeles, Cal., during this month and meeting with much success.

The new act of Harry A. Boun and Lulu Hodges opens at Youngstown, Ohio, on the Lyric Circuit April 27 for six weeks, then they will play Keith's theatres and parks for the summer until September, when they will go to the coast for the winter season on the Sullivan and Conudine circuit. Booked solid for one year. All return engagements.

Messrs. Rector and Smith, who for the past two seasons have been members of Prof. James Wolfecale's company with Cole Bros. Circus, have perfected a tight wire act which they positively announce there is no other colored act of its kind. We will have a magnificently well dressed act. Regards to the Bruces and the Wolfcales.

Millican's Minstrels are to play at the famous Tower Theatre, Manchester, England, this summer. This will necessitate the engagement of quite a number of musicians and performers, who will sail from Philadelphia May 2. They will spend two weeks prior to this date in rehearsal and in having uniforms and costumes fitted. M. W. Walker, 919 Denver avenue, Muskogee, Okla., is booking quite a number of old favorites and says it is the biggest one of its kind that ever undertook to cross the pond. No danger of an European strand, as tickets for return are procured before sailing.

DIXIE THEATRE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

This magnificent play house is being packed nightly. S. R. O. nightly. Mrs. Willie Jones, the great eccentric dancer, is a "whirlwind." Miss Minerva Trice, the original mezzo. soprano singer, is improving in her work and is a promising soubrette. Rastus Jones, the swell comedian, is making a big hit. Miss Adeline Fraston, the leading soprano of the State, is scoring with her song "There's Another Picture in My Mother's Frame." Frank Lawson is making good also. Old Billie Jones singing "Bartender" says "hello" to the boys. J. W. Hamilton is in with the bunch and adding to the company. Regards to all.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS.

Gus Hall is "back among the home folks once again," and, as may be imagined, is a valuable acquisition, strengthening the company greatly.

It is easy to keep in touch with the doings of the Smart Set company these days. One Irene Gaines being the source of information from this end. Do you know anything about it, Ramsey?

The large, enthusiastic crowds that have greeted the Black Patti company on their return dates more than attests the perennial popularity of Madame Jones and is proof positive that Tutt Whitney is making good.

The Tutt brothers, Salem and Homer, will have the pleasure of playing at their birthplace, Logansport, Ind., the first time since either have been in the business. The date was arrange dfor April 23 by Messrs. Voelckel and Nolan as a special favor to the brothers.

Peewee Williams is a scream in his acrobatic and juggling act.

King and Bailey are still sending them into convulsions of laughter. Marie Lucals and Sara Venable are scoring heavily with their new conversation song.

A hoop act is not a rarity in this part of the country. Yet the people thing "The Great English" the best ever.

30 Akerman Road, Brixton,
London, S. W.,
March 2, 1908.

Dear Old Freeman:

Just a few lines to let you know my whereabouts and to remind you that I am C. W. Walker, late of Colts & Walker song and dance team, previously with Billy McClain & Walker, and present time in England under the name of Walker & May. I would love to hear from my old friends who would care to write to me, and would like so much for you to send me The Freeman. The address at starting of letter will always find me or care of Era office. I am also sending you a clipping to show you I am still doing well. Yours as ever,

C. W. WALKER,
Of Walker & May.

AGREES WITH J. ED GREEN.

En Route, Norfolk, Va.,
March 15, 1908.

Mr. Elwood C. Knox,
The Freeman,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir—Allow me just a word or two in your columns regarding the article of Mr. J. Ed Green in your paper of March 14. As a matter of fact I know Mr. Green in and out of the professional line and have never known him to do any wrong to either sex, so I will briefly say that Mr. Russell has done a great injustice in what Mr. Green terms as slander, so I therefore agree with Mr. Green in every respect.

I am in the profession myself and I know how some people will not be governed by their kinsmen, although we Afro-American brothers should not have time to scrap between ourselves, for there is other work in the field to do. Yours truly,

E. L. WIGGINS,
The Eccentric Blaceface Comedian.

FUNNY FOLKS COMEDY COMPANY

After enjoying a month's vacation in Tampa, Fla., and also making some new arrangements for a new show for the coming season, we opened in Breadentown, Fla., March 16 to a big business.

Everybody with the company is well and is in high spirits, for the coming season is expected to be a good one, as the show made a good reputation last season.

Most of the old performers and musicians are still with us. We need a few more musicians that double B. and O. or stage to complete our show. We have with us this season Chintz Moore, the Texas Human Bed Bug and monologue comedian; also Billy Richardson of Florida fame, a young comedian who made a wonderful reputation last season throughout the Southern States. We have a lady sextett whose is scoring nigtly singing all the latest songs of the day. Miss Mabel Miles of Alabama is at the head of the female section. Smith and Nelson are making good with their sketch team.

THE AERIAL ZANTOLAS.

The Aerial Zantolas have engaged and contracted one of the most death defying dare devil acts before the public today. It will be seen at the Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, for six weeks beginning Saturday, May 30. The act is entirely new in every respect and will be copyrighted.

Zantola goes upon a platform 35 feet in mid air, mounts a bicycle, rides down an incline 8 feet, strikes a project which turns him a complete somersault. Striking another platform, turning another somersault in a net below, making a hand spring from the net to the ground.

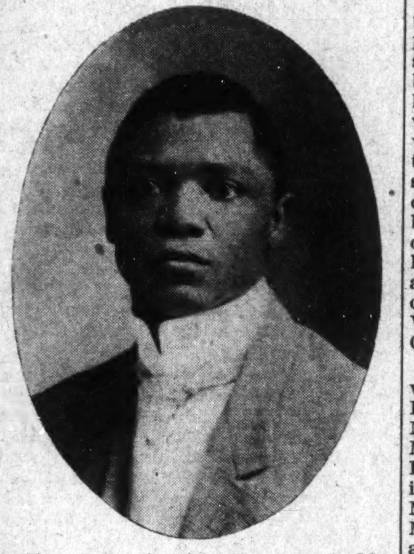
Mrs. Zantola will be seen in her 200-foot slide for life in a sheet of flame, also adding new stunts to her trapeze act 40 feet in mid air without a net. They will also continue to feature their high wire act also the baloon ascensions. Mr. Baldwin has promised Zantola the first opportunity to guide and pilot one of his famous air monsters if he should contract any in the West this season. This will give the young dare devil a chance to grasp a European engagement, which will make his name famous for the race, country and to the world.

SOCIETY AND STAGE.

For sme unaccountable reason professional people were for a long time denied the privileges and entree to society. The evolution of time, the steadfast determination of "show people" to prove themselves ladies and gentlemen, has broken down this apparent barrier, and today it is a source of pleasurable realization to note that the advent of our first-class shows into a city means that socially and fraternally a pleasant sojourn is in store for the Thespians. The Smart Set company seems especially favored in this direction, and in the memory of the closest observer a two or three day stand cannot be recalled this season where a social function has failed to mark the sojourn. The reason is obvious.

One of the most delightful epochs in the pilgrimages of the season occurred when the representative citizens of Baltimore, Md., arranged a reception and banquet for this company last Thursday evening. Presents galore were tendered the various members of the company, and the climax was reached when Hon. Harry S. Cummings presented the company with a massive loving cup, the gift of the host of admirers of this truly talented attraction. The name of each member is engraved upon the token, and the Afro-American League (the donors) also occupied space thereon.

Hon. Mr. Cummings in his presentation speech was at his happiest and his remarks were paid the most marked attention. Mr. Dudley selected Tom Logan to make the speech of acceptance in behalf of the Smart Set company. NAGOL MOT.



The above is the likeness of Mr. Frank Montgomery, formerly of the "Smart Set" company. He is now engagad at the Pekin and Columbia Theatres as producer and right hand man to J. Ed. Green. His conception of the "Merry Widower" Rag Dance has caused no little comment in Chicago.

FOR CHICAGO COLORED RETAIL LIQUOR DEALERS' ASSOCIATION.

Robert T. Motts, the owner of the Pekin and Columbia Theatres at Chicago, gave a banquet for the Chicago Colored Retail Liquor Dealers' Association March 9, at the Pekin Inn Cafe. The following was the program: Henry Jones, toastmaster; "For the Good of the Association," Robt. T. Motts; "The Social Side," J. R. Dunn; "Future of the Association," J. H. Boland; "Why I Like the Association," Hugh Hoskins; "The C. R. L. D. P. A. Is Good Enough for Me," Jno. Seymour; "Miss the Meetings—and Regret It," John Frey; "I Never Miss a Meeting," Emmett Aekins; "A Voice from Chicago Heights," Thos. Duncan; "Keep Your Eye on Fifty-first and Armour," Frank Lewis; "Get Together," Geo. Hight; "Stand Pat," J. B. Williams; "On the Inside," Chas. Jones; "In Unity There Is Strength," W. W. Smith; "May the Association Fover Live," Mr. Turner; "I Am Always with the Association," W. E. Carlmore; "I Dare Not Miss a Meeting," Thos. W. Price; "Delinquent Members," John Garner; "A Long Felt Want," Wm. Brown; "Stick," Ben Harris; "Business Improving," E. Jones; "I Am Pleased to Meet You," Jas. Tracy; Ditto, Wm. Blunk; "I Will Be with You Oftener," A. F. Cordozoe. Music by the Pekin Trio.

The officers are: Henry Jones, president; Wm. Brown, vice president; J. R. Dunn, treasurer; John Garner, financial secretary; R. T. Motts (Thos. W. Price, proxy), recording secretary; Hugh Hoskins, sergeant-at-arms.

SMART SET PICKUPS.

Matt Johnson and Will Ramsey are so far out that we wonder if they at any time remember what "the barrel" means. Percy Robinson joined us at Philadelphia, and at one rehearsal had picked up the work so perfectly that he was at once voted a quick study; he is also making pretty good headway in popularity, so it seems. My opinion is that we had better keep an eye on Robinson. From the manner Will Ramsey is receiving presents by express, he will need two Taylor trunks to finish the season with. George McCain while declaring his craving for "single blessedness," just can't overcome peeping into the mail box to see what is going on. Irvin Allen still receives a bunch of mail from various managers, and there is no use in Alberta Christy saying Tribble is not wise. There is no use talking—Geo. Day is one of the "drilling-est" tenor singers we know. Watch him at the American Theatre, New York City, this week. George whips some bass drum also. Fred Jennings has driven dull care so far away that he is giving everybody the laugh. That banjo is a big help to Freddie. When Johnnie Smith and Bob Williams finish "The Election Day" march, they give Lowery and Fred Simpson something to think about. Bro. C. W. Culp while not making much of a noise, is always to the good, and worth three deuces—that beats two pairs. Will Carrington promises a royal time for the company when we play Boston, and Caddie doesn't joke much, either. Although I've heard it so much that I know it by heart, I am becoming convinced that James Burris means what he says about opening a music publishing house in the near future. Go on with 'em, James! You can make S. H. Dudley smile any time you say "Chester, Pa." S. H. is sawing wood, and not only has he a lot of sawdust under his saw buck, but he has several warranty deeds in his inside pocket. Prof. James Reese Europe has been properly dubbed "The Prince," and any time things get too warm for James he says, "You got the Queen all jammed up; this is no place for the Prince; I'll exit." Our business is so good, and Manager J. E. Comerford is so busy raking in the shekels, that he declares he would really appreciate one bad stand just to break the monotony. Hank Leish has closed his grouch and is simply waiting for the closing week so he can hie himself to Anheuser-Buschville (St. Louis, Mo.). Bob Thurman, our property man, had it out with the trick mule Monday morning, and from the kicking Bob received, he fails to see how or why Mr. Dudley persists in calling the mule a "trained mule." Yes, Tom Logan is still on hand, thank you. Next week I will have a few necessary remarks concerning the female contingent of the Smart Set company (if some one does not stop me). NAGOL MOT.

CLEVELAND'S SMART SOCIETY'S BALL.

For days and weeks we have waited patiently for the ball to be given in Cleveland, Ohio, in honor of Cole and Johnson and Harry Williams. Well, it has come to pass and I was there among the elite and the ever-popular Shoo-Fly Regiment and must say never in the history of the show business was there a grander affair held in honor of anybody in the wide, wide world, regardless of their vocation in life. No, it wasn't one of them placard affairs; it was simply show your invitation or you can't come in. I have traveled since day before yesterday (with the best colored and white shows) and with my little travels I must say I never saw anything to equal the reception accorded Cole and Johnson and Harry Williams (their boy, so everybody in Cleveland calls him).

Among the elite of Cleveland who were present was Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bolden, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams, Mrs. Horace Roler, Miss Edith Robinson of Wellington, Ohio, Mr. Charles Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Boyd, Mrs. Carnival, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Edwards, Mr. J. T. Shouter, Mr. and Mrs. Cass Sallers, Mr. J. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sisco, Miss Laura Lee, Miss Gertie Blocklau, Mrs. Mabel Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. Nathan Brosher, Mrs. Arthur McFarland, Mr. Sam Scott, Master Clarence F. Williams, Miss Alice Jackson, Mr. Ben Thurman, Mr. W. E. Talbot, Mrs. Hattie Walker, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, Miss Revilap, Mrs. Price, Mr. W. Hunley, Miss Maud Roberts, Miss Amy Williams, Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Pridgen, Mr. Edw. C. Williams, Mr. Wallace Bolden and Mr. Ned Chestnut. Among the Cole and Johnson people was Manager Mr. Phillip Robson and wife, Bob. Cole, J. Rosamond Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Theo. L. Pankey, Clarence W. Logan, Miss Ethel James Sam Corker Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tribble, Miss Daisy Brown, Miss Mamie Butler, Miss Belle Morgan, Mr. Harry Williams, Miss Leona Marshall Miss Fannie Wise, Mr. Arthur Ray, Mr. Frank De Lyons, Mr. Jno. Jackson, Miss Johnnie Livingston, Mr. Edgar Connor, Mr. C. W. Barnes, Mr. Sam Lucas, Mr. Lewis Mitchell, Mr. Henry Gant, Mr. J. Wesley Jenkins, Mr. Lewis Potts, Mrs. Elizabeth Williams and Mr. William Francisco.

I cannot describe the ladies' dresses in Cleveland, as I didn't know who was who, but here is what the girls of the Shoo-Fly Regiment were decked in, while all the gentlemen present were in evening dress with the very latest pattern. Mrs. Phillip Robson, our manager's wife, was gowned in imported marquisetta over silk with lace yoke and trimmed with bands of messaline satin. Miss Fanny Wise wore a gown of white voil princess with clumy lace trimmings. Mrs. Bessie Tribble, crepe de shene gown made in Alice blue princess. Mrs. Anna Cook Pankey wore an imported gown of lavender silk crepe de shene and trimmed in bands of messaline satine. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams wore a gown of black lace trimmed with spangles. Miss Daisy Brown wore a blue voile dress trimmed with blue messeline with white dotted net hat trimmed with gold braid and white ostrich feathers. Miss Bessie Sims' gown was of white chiffon taffata silk. Miss Oriena Howard wore a blue full princess trimmed with cream lace with blue silk gloves to match. Miss Ethel James wore a gown of white messaline silk trimmed with gold filet lace and black hat with white ostrich plumes. Miss Belle Morgan wore a black broadcloth tailored suit. Miss Mamie Butler wore a blue serge military suit trimmed with gold braid. Miss Johnnie Livingston wore a cream lace waist with cream voile skirt to match. Miss Leona Marshall's gown was old rose princess trimmed with black velvet and white lace with black spangle beloir. Miss Lulu Coleman's gown was a black and white princess trimmed with black fan velvet.

The hall was beautifully decorated and all the ladies carried sweet bunches of roses, carnations, violets, and it was one sweet room to enter. A buffet luncheon was served, which was one of the big features of the evening, and I want the world to known that Mrs. Anna Cook Pankey was the queen of the ball with Miss Daisy Brown, Miss Oriena Howard, Miss Bessie Sims very close seconds. To tell you the exact facts, they all looked mighty sweet to me and I am one person that is hard to please, and here is one evening that they have pleased me immensely. All hail Cole and Johnson, Harry Williams and the smart society of Cleveland. It has happened and in history let it go.

Cleveland has been one glorious week for Cole and Johnson's Shoo-Fly Regiment. Well, everybody seemed to be as much at home as our own Harry Williams.

Carriages, yes carriages was very much in order at the ball. "Please have a carriage for me after the theatre and take me home after the ball."

Henry Gant, I must say this one thing about him, that this was his very first appearance in Cleveland, but to meet him after the show it would make one think that he was born in the Forest City.

Harry Williams, look out! A word to the wise is sufficient.

Edgar Connor has been rather quiet this week. Just from the theatre home. That's all.

Miss Pearl Taylor has been sick all week with a slight touch of la grippe, but we all hope little Pearl will be able to work by the time the big show reaches Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Anna Cook Pankey was ill in Detroit and was unable to appear, but Miss Fannie Wise jumped in and sang "La Fillipino" in a very creditable manner.

Cleveland, Cleveland, Cleveland. Whose home is it? Harry Williams, Andrew Tribble, Arthur Talbott, C. W. Barnes, Wm. Phelps, Wm. Francisco, Wesley Jenkins. Well, I run some wild myself and have begun to think that Cleveland is my home, too. Please, Des Moines, go 'way and let me sleep.

Harry Williams has been home. He has told us all about it days ago and now we have to give him credit. Cleveland was one more town. The Lord loves the truth.

Yes, business in Cleveland was in the same old way—just packed with the better elemnt of the white and colored theatre-goers.

Detroit was some entertaining town, but this week has eclipsed evevrything on the season in the line of socials, parties, luncheons and the like.

To think of it! Ethel James' birthday fell on St. Patrick's day, that same March 17th. Yes, Ethel was very happy that day in more ways than knowing that it was her birthday. Some day you will know the secret. Time will tell.

Well, Daisy Brown, Oriena Howard, Bessie Sims certainly did look sweet at that ball. Yes, some one else looked awfully sweet, but that concerns some one else.

In Cleveland we even keep bachelor apartments (that is, Cole and Johnson). I really wish you could have happened in some morning about 11:30 a. m. Just then is the time to get up and cook breakfast. Well, every other morning we change cooks and chambermaids. One morning Bob Cole was the cook and the next morning Rosamond Johnson occupied the same position. (You cook and I am the maid.) Well, I was the stewart and chief overseer and the meals that were put on! (Thank heaven only breakfast was served.) Well, Bob Cole does that cook stunt on the stage, but I want to tell the world that there is a wide difference between a cook on the stage and one in real life. Well, the first meal that come off happened on Monday and he had some dish fixed up for that famous opening breakfast along with the lamb chops (which were very tough; Lord forbid, I bought them), called apple a la Shoo Fly (Ladies' Home Journal, please copy recipe). Peal apples, cut up very small, put cream in them and stir up until well done. Well, I was sick for two days and to think the worst of it, Bob Cole said he didn't care if they made him sick. He intended to eat them all up, and remember he had just eaten some bum fish or something he cooked the Sunday evening we arrived, and was hardly able to appear Monday night. After sending for two doctors and all day Monday working on him. The worst is yet to come. Finally Rosamond Johnson took a hand at cooking. Just think of it! Rosamond made biscuits. Well, girls, think it over. Biscuits cooked by Rosamond Johnson and he even had the nerve to brag about them and wanted me to say they were good. Naturally I said yes before his face, but when his back was turned I said something else. Ernest Hogan can beat either one of them cooking a mile and Hogan can't cook as well as the man at the Waldorf Astoria. (I never ate there.)

Well, we have a siege coming on for the summer, either in the little flat in New York on 99th street or by the sad sea waves. But if there is any cooking to be done I can't sing, whistle or dance, but will bet a dollar to a dime I can beat Cole or Johnson doing anything they know in the cooking line. No, from this on I will cancel the bachelor life. Alice, where art thou?

Harry Kraton and wife were at Keith's this week and he was very much in evidence around the Shoo-Fly Regiment. Yes, they are doing nicely and ask him how the Cole and Johnson show done in Cleveland.

Arthur Talbot was at home in Cleveland, as well as Harry Williams. You know Arthur's people have deserted the king of England's little strip of land (Canada) and located in Cleveland. Well, I must say Arthur has some very dear parents and they are proud of him and he is proud of them.

Same Cooke was very much at home at the ball in Cleveland. You know when it comes to society I mean society. Well, there is where our own dear Sam shines. I will have to christen him hereafter Society Sam, the little fellow who knows how to wear the evening dress and won't be embarrassed. That's him, the one and real agent with the one and real elevating colored show—the Shoo-Fly Regiment.

When it comes to waltz me around again, Willie, girls see Sam Lucas and take your cue.

SHAWNEE, OKLA.

The young people of the South Side have a skating rink for amusement...J. H. Nettles is the popular tailor and Dr. Hegler, the physician and surgeon.

ROUTE.

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Vicksburg, Miss., March 30; Monroe, La., 31; Shreveport, 1; Beaumont, Tex., 2; Galveston 3; Houston, 4.

THE BRITTONS—Week of March 23-28, New York City; Newark, N. J., March 30 to April 4.

COLE AND JOHNSON—Youngstown, O., March 29, 30, 31, April 1; Wheeling, W. Va., Apirl 2, 3, 4.

DANDY DIXIE MINSTRELS—Athens, O., March 30; Parkersburg, W. Va., 31; Huntington, April 1; Charleston, 2; Hinton, 3; Covington, 4.

M'CABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS—Tarko, Mo., March 29, 30; Fairfax, 31.

RICHARD'S AND PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS—Paducah, Ky., March 30; Princeton, 31.

FIDDLER AND SHELTON—Week of March 30, Battle Creek, Mich.

THE ZANTOLAS—Edmonton, Can., six weeks.

SMART SET COMPANY—Week of Mch. 30, New York City.

MARSHALL'S OLD PLANTATION COMEDY COMPANY—Sanford, Fla., March 30, 31, April 1; Leeburg, 2, 3, 4.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Gentlemen's List

NOTICE—We will be pleased to have all companies send us their route regularly and also performers to send name and permanent address, or if traveling, with what company, in order that all mail may be promptly forwarded.

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Carral, Wm. P.	Johnson, William.
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Dunmore, S. T.	Jones, Simon.
Hampton, Bob.	Robert Brown.
Hampton, H.	Santana, Charles.
Henderson, R. O.	Quinn, Andrew.

Ladies' List

Jones, Gracie.	King, Maud.

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Are Rapidly Developing Among the Colored Citizens of Indianapolis.

It is marvelous to note the rapid growth of enthusiasm among the well-to-do colored citizens of the city for the great national game of baseball. It is puzzling for one to find an immediate cause for this very recent demonstration of interest in the popular sport. The most plausible solution to the situation seems to have been the indorsements appearing in these columns last season parading the treatment of the colored ladies and gentlemen by the Watkins management at Washington Park. The representation of ladies and gentlemen to the grand stand last year was fully 50 per cent in excess to that of any former year and in every instance the new devotees to the sport were highly complimentary of the treatment accorded them by the attaches of the park.

The teachers in the city schools, Government employes, professional and business men were notably prominent among the patrons to the grand stand. They found that only ladies and gentlemen of the opposite race availed themselves of the grand stand accommodations, hence no unpleasantness was possible, as one lady or gentleman always knows how to treat another with the civility and consideration polite customs demand. The timidity on the part of the upper classes of the colored people fearing ill usage at Washington Park is rapidly passing away and it is predicted by those in a position to know that before the mid season of the game has arrived there will be a thoroughly established and substantial clienteele of the best colored citizens in the city earnest "rooters" for the Browns.

It has been advanced by some that the recent interest manifested by the genteel and polite among the colored people for baseball is attributable to the general interest aroused in the sport by the success of the local colored team, the "A. B. C.'s." This has served as a primary school teaching the women folk the points and general knowledge of the game, culminating in a desire to frequent professional games at Washington Park.

It is the intention of The Freeman to give space each week on our sporting page in detailed accounts of the doings of the home team and its personell, also a complete schedule of the various preliminary games to be played with major league organizations before the opening of the regular season. This policy shall be kept intact throughout the regular season, giving the latest "dope" and facts of interest concerning our local team both at home and abroad. The days upon which ladies will be admitted free with male escorts will be announced each week in advance.

ZANESVILLE, O.

An event of the month was the wedding of Miss Margaret Guy and Prof. C. E. Stewart of Wilberforce. About fifty guests witnessed the ceremony and a three-course wedding breakfast was served. Among those in the city for the wedding were Prof. Harry Guy of Detroit, Mich.; Miss Jessie Guy, of Wilberforce; Mrs. Anna Woodson, of Findley; Prof. Winslow, of Wilberforce; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Guy and Miss Dora and Carl Guy, of Newark...The Y. P. S. M. I. Literary Society of St. Paul A. M. E. Church will render a debate Friday evening, "Resolved, that the colored people of the United States should support Senator Foraker in preference to Secretary Taft for President." Affirmative, B. Ramsey, Holden Greene; negative, Clyde Wilson, Wallace Needham. A ladies' debate will be rendered also on "Woman Suffrage." Participants: Alice Jackson, Marie Brown, Nancy Tuppins, Willa Jackson...Nahum D. Braschen of Cleveland was in the city this week "hooping up" for Taft.

PIQUA, OHIO.

The Wilson-Knox nuptials were solemnized last week and the Bolden-Reid last Wednesday night...Miss Ollie Pettiford entertained a number of young people with a shower in honor of the bride-elect, Miss Nellie Reid...Mrs. Bardelia Lee and Mrs. Viola Jones were called to Muncie on account of the illness of their niece, Miss Hattie Ford, formerly of this office...Mrs. John Jackson of Spring street has returned home after a pleasant visit with friends...Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kendall, a girl. ...Cyrene A. M. E. Church is progressing nicely under the leadership of Elder Maxwell...Park Avenue Baptist Church has hoisted her sails and launched out farther in the deep and has let down the nets and many souls have been rescued and showers of blessing under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Wilson, formerly of Cleveland, O. Dr. Wilson is a soul-stirring preacher and one of the old school, filled with magnetic power.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.

Every time you subscribe for The Freeman you help the Negro race. G. Washington Bruce, agent, 129 Aiken street...Mrs. Kenton is on the sick list...Mrs. Marie Flemings of Italy was in the city last week visiting relatives and friends...E. W. Bruce has opened up a paint shop...There is talk of another grocery store among the Negroes soon...Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Eskins have moved to their new home on Thompson Addition...Mrs. Willie Yarbargh and Roscoe Brown of Shawnee, Okla., were in the city attending court...Mrs. Mary Henderson was in Dallas last week visiting relatives...Frank Epperson, who has been confined at his home on West Jefferson with smallpox, was turned out last Thursday...If you want The Freeman, see G. Washington Bruce...Mrs. J. W. Freison was on the sick list last week at 131 Aiken street...Dr. J. Harvey Jones was in town this and last week with his moving picture show...Prof. J. W. Haywood of Lancaster was in the city last Saturday...John Hate of Hillsboro was in the city on business.

ON THE OTHER SIDE.

"A colored girl who left New York for London as a lady's maid, vowed she never would return to the United States if she could help it."—From a foreign letter to the "Enterprise," Omaha, Neb. Such expressions are often heard, but for the life of us, we have never been able to discover what Negroes are doing in London or in any European city. It would give us great pleasure to make note of those engaged in the various pursuits, the trades, the professions, as we do of those thus engaged in our country. We once heard of an African doctor, very dark of complexion, who, after graduating with high onors, fairly starved in the city of London waiting for white patients. In America, every Negro doctor in communities made up largely of white people enoy some white patronage. It may perhaps be said in defense of the situation, that his was "the common lot," and that if he had held out longer he would have won a practice; it might have been that way.

Not long since, some colored theatrical people from the "other side" spoke somewhat disparagingly of the colored people's opportunity, judging by what they were doing. They said that those of theatrical companies, maida nd men servants, traveling with rich Americans really have—a good time, going where they cared to go without seeing a semblance of the hateful "lines." The condition, however, is not a true test of the people, of what they would do under the very same circumstances. These theatrical people referred to, said, that idle Negroes were seen here and there, "catching on as catch can,"a and without any more visible occupation than many of those seen about New York City. They came back impressed with the fact that America was the best country in the world for Negro opportunity. It will be remembered, too, that most of the colored troops come back good and intact, proving that side attractions were not so alluring. Of course, we are in no position to talk positively to the situation, but it will strike the average mind that, those companies would have lost no less than half of their membership if conditions had looked sufficiently inviting, this, in view of the unrestrained curl, and we may say social freedom, talked of, nor do we deny that these conditions obtain; they do obtain; and as they do in some parts of our own country, where a very few Negroes are seen and those being representative of the Negroes at their best.

We mean to say that there is a mistaken notion in setting up other countries as models of civil conditions. In fact, there are no models to hold up; since there are no similar conditions anywhere. "All" the Negro wealth is in the United States, notwithstanding it was hate listed as a free country. Great Negro schools attract from the islands of your "ancient" freedom. A little thought is needed.

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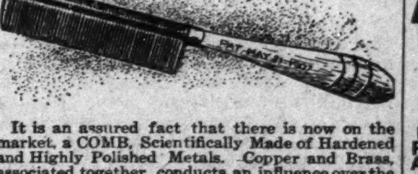

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For Judge Superior Court, Room 5,
Charles T. Hanna,
Subject to Marion County Republican Primary, 1908.

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VOTE FOR
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SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON.

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A CAMPAIGNER'S GENTLE HINT.

We talk about a dollar
As though we didn't care
For anything so vulgar.
Such language is hot air,
For when we see one coming,
We brace ourselves and try
With all our art and muscle
To let it not pass by.

When speaking large and earnest
Before the infant class
We tell them to hunt virtue
And let the dollar pass.
But, when the talk is over,
And as we take our seat,
Should we observe one passing,
We chase it down the street.
—A Kentucky Colonel.

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Didn't we tell you the President had something up his sleeve?

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Be a good neighbor. The high opinion of those next door to you is a valuable asset.

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The A. M. E. Church is convinced that it will "gain" by taking "Gaines" as its chief scribe.

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The unselfish benefactor of mankind may be slow in arriving, but he "stays put" after he arrives.

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The evil which men are charged with having cofmitted is invariably done by the other fellow, who "looks like him."

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The candidate who manages his own campaign will have an earnest and sincere boomer, if not a sagacious and far-seeing one.

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The Bishop's Bench of the Church of Allen will be brighter if a Lamp (ton) is placed upon it. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

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Equal accommodations on Southern railroads can be had, if the race has the nerve to push its excellent case. Now is the time—not for talk, but for action.

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The filling of the consulates at Bahia, Brazil and Vladivostok, Russia, are fleeting reminders that these posts were once held by men of our own race.

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Placing surgeons in charge of vessels may be a risky undertaking, but we know of quite a number of doctors who can handle "schooners" very successfully.

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Fourteen thousand, three hundred and eighty-five babies were born in St. Louis in 1907. We wonder how many of them were named after the illustrious J. Milton Turner.

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One of the joys of having roomers is that you can get your house beautifully scented up with onions and cabbage, without having to buy the aforesaid high-smelling vegetables yourself.

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Up to date the banquet in honor of Auditor Ralph W. Tyler at Washington holds the national capital record. It was a spontaneous, yet dignified, tribute to the worth of a truly great man.

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It is curious why these fortune-tellers who can tell all about the past, present and futude do not make fortunes for themselves by telling just who will be nominated for President at Chicago.

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Florid resolutions and heated indignation meetings have their place, but they can never accomplish the results that must grow out of earnest, constructive work.

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Candidates should be very "leary" of the newspaper grafter who tries to make them believe he owns the earth and the fullness thereof, and that for a "nofinal sum" he can deliver it at any given address.

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These are times when every fellow has a new, original and infallible scheme to "save the country," and incidentally bring in the almighty dollar to save himself from want, until another campaign rolls around.

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It would be extremely difficult for our race leaders to get the ear of the nation with stories of the Negro's value to the economic and civic development of the body politic, were it not for the oft-despised Negro press.

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Ambassador Bryce says within a generation there will be not less than 15,000,000 Negroes on the American continent. Evidently we are not a sick race, and are not in any danger of dying out.

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You make the race stronger when you carry your tailoring, your carpentering, your printing or your dressmaking to a colored establishment, and buy your drugs, your groceries or your dry goods of a colored merchant.

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No one would be likely to question the sincerity of the folks who affect contempt for "truckling office-holders, who barter away the liberties of their race," if these same folks were not "hot-foot" candidates for office themselves.

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"Lift Where You Stand" is one of the new mottoes that have the right ring, and is a worthy running mate to "Cast Down Your Buckets Where You Are." Opportunities exist at our very doors, if we would look about us carefully.

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Both the A. M. E. and the A. M. E. Zion churches are seeing the necessity for placing a live Bishop in the great Southwest. With Dr. J. M. Conner stationed at Little Rock, Ark., and Dr. J. B. Colbert at St. Louis, this fertile field will be pretty well cared for.

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It is not true that every colored doctor who openly champions the cause of the administration has his eye fixed longingly on the position of Surgeon-in-Chief of Freedmen's Hospital at Washington. No such vile slander is to be tolerated for a moment.

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The term "editor" has now such a liberal interpretation that a man who "edits" need not necessarily know anything about the English language, or, indeed, be able to write an intelligible sentence. He just "edits"—that's all. In strict construction, a goat also "edits"—most anything.

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Lawyer and Banker J. C. Napier is easily Tennessee's leading Afro-American. There are indications that the nation will call him to a large sphere of usefulness at a date not distant. No man in the country is more eminently deserving of high-grade political and civic recognition than Mr. Napier.

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Justice Robert H. Terrell, of the District of Columbia, speaking of private secretaries, says the country has produced just three truly great ones, naming Daniel S. Lamont, George B. Cortelyou and Emmett J. Scott as the trio, which had won immortality in the role of Fidus Achates.

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The Methodist Bishops in council at Washington did not denounce the President nor any individual or institution. They protested against racial discrimination in temperate language and took high ground for the principles that make for justice, equality and fraternity throughout the land.

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Evidently no registration fee is required of anyone who wishes to be a candidate for office in the A. M. E. or A. M. E. Zion churches. But wouldn't there be a rich harvest if about ten plunks could be squeezed out of each individual who is now offering himself up on the altar of aspiration!

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At Columbia, Mo., Prof. E. W. B. Curry made fourteen speeches in the campaign against liquor, and at the recent election the town went dry by a majority of 42 out of 1,900 votes cast. Prof. Curry's influence with the colored vote saved the day for temperance in at least six other places where the Negro vote held the balance of power.

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The progress of a race is most frequently judged by the finite displays that it makes on test occasions. A great exposition tells the tale more vividly than any book or orator can recite it. That is why the race is taking a deep interest in the proposed National Negro Fair at Mobile, Ala., of which Dr. H. N. Newcofe is chief promoter.

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Indiana is not slow about reminding the folks "at the bat" that this ever-important pivotal State is without notable recognition in the official patronage of the nation. There is a hint that by this time next year the Hoosiers will be bringing to the altar any amount of "fruits meet for repentance," with written testimony as to their stewardship.

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As might have been expected, the versatile and up-to-snuff Tom Logan is preparing a bouquet of campaign songs, to be used to make the welkin ring in the coming presidential contest. At present, however, the rhymes are so swathed in bandages that they can finally be adapted to the name of whoever happens to win out at Chicago.

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It isn't the most indispensable helper who eternally prates of how "indispensable" he really is to his employer. The work one does is his best testimony, and he can safely rest his case upon the actual results he has achieved. We talk too much of what we can do, and of what the other fellow failed to do, to do the things we ought to do.

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The suggestion that a committee of trained theologians prepare sermons for the use of the less intelligent clergy of the various denominations is not without merit. If people are expected to attend church, there should be some method by which a guarantee can be made that their time will not be wasted in listening to a long and pointless harangue.

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Grover Cleveland's agitation over the problem of what to do with our ex-Presidents brings up another pertinent query: What shall we do with our ex-Registers of the Treasury, ex-Recorders of Deeds, ex-Auditors of the Treasury, and the like? Shall they be forced to descend to the level of the common herd, after having dwelt in rarefied atmosphere at $4,000 "per" for several years? Perish the thought!

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The joke of the season is on the brethren of Rossville, Md. When it was given out that Ira T. Bryant was sure to be elected secretary of the A. M. E. Sunday-school Union, the guileless churchmen thought the Bishops and the General Conference had decided to support William Jennings Bryan, owing to the similarity of the names. When the matter was explained, all ruffled furs were smoothed down and the brethren said "Amen" to Ira Bryant's prospective honor.

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Dr. C. H. Parrish did a highly beneficial piece of work in securing the retention of Mrs. Bessie Lucas Allen as probation officer for colored children in Louisville, after the authorities had tentatively decided that the appropriation was insufficient to justify the continued employment of such an officer. Dr. Parrish has the kind of courage and race pride that commands respect and confidence of the good people of Kentucky, black and white.

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Announcement is made that Dr. L. G. Broughton, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Tuskegee Institute, Sunday, May 24, at Tuskegee Institute—although it is not called "baccalaureate" at this "every-day" school—and Collector Charles W. Anderson, of New York, will deliver the commencement address on the 28th of May. The selections are excellent and their seasoned counsel will be listened to with helpful results.

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The Urbana, O., Informer, of which the eloquent Prof. E. W. B. Curry is editor, is kind enough to say, in the current issue: "R. W. Thofpson, from the national capital, is doing excellent work in keeping the progress of the race before the public." Encouraging comment at the hands of men and women who are worth while is the tonic that stimulates the humble scribe to do his level best—even as the festive check keeps him alive so he can have something tangible into which the said inspiration can be absorbed.

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Col. Giles B. Jackson, of Jamestown Exposition fame, says he is for the Roosevelt-Taft combination from start to finish, and hints that if he isn't watched too closely by the opposition in Virginia he will come to Chicago as a delegate in June and second the nomination of his good friend, Secretary William Howard Taft. The Virginia colonel cannot forget that Roosevelt was the force that gave the Jamestown Negro exhibit its $100,000 appropriation, and that Taft was the best friend the show had at the national capital.

WHAT THE NEGRO NEEDS.

Business Ventures Should be the Watchword the Race.

Time and time again the Freeman has called the attention of the colored people of this city to their needs in a business way. In spite of what we see and know, there are those yet that are trying to theorize out of present conditions, insisting that Negroes are not more worthily employed, because they are not more worthy. The effort is to have it appear that systematic effort is not being made, or has not been made to enter into all the departments of industrial life as the others do that are around us. They wish to have it appear that the opportunity is just the same, but that the colored people do not know how to go about securing better recognition. Theh argument is fairly charitable in that it tends to show that things are not nearly so bad, thus presenting a better aspect of the race problem. That condition would be ideal, and the race would be in order for congratulation if it were true, since it would only be a question of time before the "golden route" to the expected would be found.

But why deceive ourselves? And when we ask the question, it is not meant as a reflection on those who can change conditions, at least, temporarily. It is no use asking changed relations of the heads of business concerns until the people are changed. We invariably make the mistake of charging on the front, placing the blame for afilure there, when the blame does not belong there.

Indeed, where he will, the merchant leads in sentiment making; not so much as a matter of love, but because he feels that there are business prospects in a way, when he employs a colored man for a position above the ordinary, or he does so because he enjoys a share of patronage of the race to which he belongs, or he does it because the man is equally efficient, and hence, out of his finer feelings for all, he also considers the colored man, and in the long run raises the average of race respect. These are no make-believe cases—such influences have actuated employers, actuate them yet; and were it not for the attitude of the patrons the merchant would easily enough be won over. The rule applies generally. The thing making a "flying wedge" attack, or that of any concerted kind, is simply so much folly. These questions are not to be worked out in the head, nor on paper. It is not necessary to be especially informed on the matter. We have simply to look and know, and be governed accordingly. The patrons are not necessarily consulted, but they are a part of it and their conduct is to be considered. When they are right the storekeeper is right, and not before. It is not a hard question to understand, since there is but one side to it.

What are we going to do about it? The very next best thing if we are wise. The blessed thing is, the redeeming feature is, that the colored people need that worry about the condition, since they are generally employed. They receive good wages, and can make the kind of conditions dreamed of. It may not be generally known or sufficiently thought on, if known, that the colored people are strong favorites as a laboring class. We venture the assertion, that, taking the country, North and South, East and West, the colored people will lead in favoritism in most positions of the laboring kind, and in the servant capacity. Much admiration may not be made over the matter, yet when we know the condition in many foreign countries it is something after all to make a "fuss" over. It is not necessary to go abroad ot have some idea of conditions elsewhere. We may read of them, and more yet,—see the people who come to our shores.

Very much money is earned among the colored people. The thing we have not learned is to unionize our money, nor our efforts; one being quite as essential as the other. We have as yet small faith in the integrity of one another, a hurting thing, and almost amounting to a national trait. The South is growing out of the limitations of skepticism and for the better; the good influences there are making their way gradually Northward, and in time, wonders may be wrought by the way of self-help. We onght, however, take the lead in doing things in good substantial ways. The leading clubs cold well improve their usefulness by advocating and promoting concerns by colored people—good, worthy concerns, that will be worthy of patronage. We are throwing away opportunities. Small merchants and big merchants are right in among us—every known kind of store—all by white men. They ought to be object lessons. But on the other hand, we are inclined to turn up our noses as if they were unworthy of our attention, and yearly we are becoming more and more confirmed consumers.

The sport side of our life is emphasized, and while it takes diversity to make a people, we should be careful not to fall into the error of putting the greater stress there. The observer will rate a people according to what he finds them engaged in doing. In being observed we will not escape his conclusions. And as he rates us, we are fixed in the world's estimation, and find it exceedingly difficult to have the rating changed. It is what has made the race question what it is to-day; it is why it is so difficult to get better notions of the race. The Negro as he was known years ago, has impressed the popular mind and in spite of us, the impression lingers. Slowly, we may say, the cloud of doubt, of capacity and the rest of it, gradually uplifts. To-day the race is being tried on its merits as men. It makes a trying situation, since fraternalism is fairly withdrawn and out and out competition has set in when the Negro is put to it, to hold his own. It is a great argument in favor of taking complete possession of our "business franchise," doing what we can, when and where we can, thereby injecting more worth from the money side, more industry and thrift, attracting attention owing to those qualities, rather then dispelling through indolence and shiftlessness.

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Mrs. Rebecca Brooks has gone east for her health.

The Elks Charity Ball at Masonic Hall, Monday night.

Revs. J. S. Bailey, Hagood and Skelton are attending conference at Cincinnati.

Dr. C. R. Adkins will be the speaker at the Sunday meeting at Flanner Guild tomorrow.

Mrs. Sallie Minturn, in Hadley street, will be hostess to the Woman's club Monday afternoon.

Ed Rogers, formerly of this city is now in the employ of William Litchlord at Columbus, O.

The annual sermon of the Sisters of Charity will be held at Bethel church the first Sunday in April.

Nahum D. Brasher, editor of the Cleveland Journal was in thd city last Thursday en route to Connersville.

Payments on stock of the Pythian Castle Hall are now due and are paid every Monday night at 536 Indiana avenue.

Dr. Theodore Kakaza will lecture a Bethel A. M. E. church under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Monday night.

Miss Carrie Goins, of Keokuk, Ia., will sing the offertory solo at the St. Philips Episcopal church at the regular 4 o'clock services tomorrow.

Mrs. Alberta Grubbs who is in the contest for the trip to Europe is receiving the hearty support of the colored readers of the Star and ballots are received daily at this office.

Charles A. Parker, who went to Denver about a year ago for his health died in that city last week of tuberculosis. Mr. Parker leaves a little son and many friends in this city.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Convention, auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention was in the city Friday in the interest of the work.

You are expected to attend the Elks Ball at Masonic Hall, Monday night and "trip the "light fantastic" for charity. You know that everybody will be there and you can't afford to miss it.

Nathan Ward, the professional bondsman died last week after a short illness of pneumonia. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Bethel A. M. E. church under the auspices of the Pride of the West, K. of P. Lodge.

The recognition services of the Rev. L, R. Mitchell, the newly called pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church will be conducted tomorrow at 3 p. m. Installation sermon, Rev. G. A. Martin Charge to the church, Rev. Patterson Charge to the pastor, Rev. K. Warren Introduction of pastor, Rev. Patton. The public is cordially invited.

THE FLORENCE HARPER FUND.

D. P. Stirk & Co. have commenced work on the artificial limb for little Florence Harper, having received from The Freeman a check for $25, the amount required for the first deposit.

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DALLAS, TEX.

The news of the various churches, lodges and societies are all that it could be at this season. Owing to the dull season, I wish to ask the readers and subscribers, those who owe, to pay up, as my illness of 3 weeks with the smallpox has put them in the rear, so that I can catch up and stay up...Mrs. E. G. Williams and Mrs. J. M. Brooks have opened a millinery establishment at the corner of Hawkins and Central avenue...Mrs. Brownell has gone to the wells for her health...Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Waggoner have moved into their new house on Flora street. ...Play ball is the word with the sporting class just now and they will play in their own backyard and playground, so says Manager T. H. Walker and the board of promoters of amusements, as Texas will have an eight-club league and good ball playing is looked forward to by the fans of the State...Mr. Birch, the blind man of Pilgrim fame, is back from Louisiana, where he has spent some months for the good of the order... It is now time for the better class of the voters and taxpayers were up and denouncing the bullies and toughs of this city and the treatment the whole people are receiving from their actions in public places. Who will start the move?...Dr. Hamilton is visiting his many patients in an automobile, the first owned by a colored man here. Others will soon follow.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.

Subscribe for The Freeman, the best Negro paper in the State...Died March 15th, Sunday evening, 3:30 p. m., Clyde Henderson, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Samuel Henderson, on East Wyatt street. Mr. Henderson was a highly respected young man and he was loved by most everybody who knew him. He leaves four brothers, two sisters and a mother and many friends. The funeral services were held at the Baptist Church of which he was a member. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Gordon, assisted by Rev. Rankin Brooks, Dennis and Thomas. ...Mrs. R. F. Penn left last Saturday morning for Mineral Wells to join her husband, R. T. Penn. Mr. Penn has accepted a position at that place and they will make their home there for a while...Miss Alletha Epperson and Mrs. Henton are ill... There is talk of organizing another ... M. E. Church in Waxahachie... George Penn has gone to Mineral Wells to work during spring, summer and fall...Will Phillips left last Sunday morning for Mineral Wells. Mrs. Phillips will follow later...Mrs. H. C. Collins spent a few days in Hillsboro last week visiting friends and relatives...Miss Iora Richie is very sick at this date on Central ave.

FLORENCE, ALA.

This week has been a very joyous one among the colored people of this section. Parties have been given, also the fifth rhetorical of the Burrell Normal School was held Friday night in the chapel of the school. Prof. G. N. White has done great work for the institute so far and is still improving...The first ball game of this season was played by the boys of Burrell Normal School and the citizens. The score was 14 to 8 in favor of the Burrell boys...Rev. L. J. Green, pastor of the St. Mark's Baptist Church, is invited to attend the sermon of the K. of P. at Cave Springs of Sheffield, Ala., on Sunday, March 29...John McCawthorn of Sheffield, Ala., is in Florence and has opened a first-class ice cream parlor and soda fountain...Read The Freeman and keep up with the news... The cold weather has appeared again after a short while of warm summer days and the people are afraid of losing all of their fruit again... Don't forget to buy a Freeman from T. C. Rapir. He has them every Saturday to sell.

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CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

The rally at St. Paul's Zion Church on the 22d inst. was made a grand success by the assistance of her sister churches of the city. Rev. Seymour preached the sermon and the choir from Mt. Olivet Church rendered some excellent music...One of our city's largest tobacco factories will move to Nashville, Tenn. The above factory employs 175 or 200 of our best colored citizens, who are preparing to follow their jobs guaranteed them by the American Tobacco Company. The loss of this factory will be keenly felt by the business enterprises of our city...Dan Merriweather, the noted Baptist hero of the city, is at the head of our aid society of our churches, and with his co-workers has contributed liberally to the poor and distressed among the needy of our race in the city. He needs our encouragement...Geo. Wimbly and Mr. Fort left for Chicago on the 21st.

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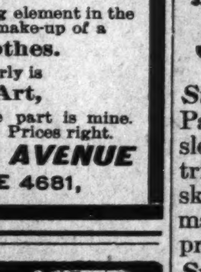

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Suits for Ladies, of chiffon Panama, jacket has 3-4 length sleeves, fancy vesting, silk braid trimmed, satin lined, circular gored skirts trimmed in one fold of the material, up to $21.75 values, sale price................$14.75
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Suits for Ladies, of shadow stripe Panama, satin or taffeta lined jackets, plain or silk braid trimmed, circular gored or plaited skirts, up to $27.50 values, sale price................$18.75
Skirts for Ladies, of Voile, in black or colors, plaited style, silk cord trimmed, regular $6.75 values, sale price...........$4.75